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Charged With Murder.

LINDSAY, Dec. 23.—(Special)—John Luff has been arrested on a charge of murder, connected with the death of Thomas Less, who was found shot in the woods. A preliminary inquiry is being held before Magistrate Deacon.

GOLD pans at Cheapside. x

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THE RAID UPON CHINA.

Russian Money Providing for Defences of Port Arthur and Arms for Chinese Troops.

Great Britain and Japan Taking Lively Interest and United States Also Affected.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Pekin correspondent of the Times says: The Chinese are provisioning Port Arthur and will reconstruct the forts there, Russia supervising and furnishing the money. In the face of this indication of permanent occupation, the necessity of safeguarding our position in the East increases. The Russo-Chinese bank, which is the agent of the Russian government, has offered China 120,000 berdan rifles, with payment five years hence. China has accepted the proposal.

According to a despatch to the Times from Kobe, Japan, the news from Port Arthur has greatly disturbed the Mikado's ministers. Long cabinet councils have been held and the high military officials have attended. The Japanese newspaper, the despatch says, are nonplussed at the situation in the far East, while the ministry is involved in domestic troubles connected with its taxation proposals, to which the diet is hostile.

The Vienna correspondent of the Standard says he has ascertained that the first news of the occupation of Port Arthur emanated from Tokio, a fact significant of Japanese vigilance. Discussing the Japanese position, the correspondent says she cannot declare war against either China or Russia. If she did the ten ironclads that are being built for her in Europe and America, and are nearly finished would be shut up till the war was over. She will therefore risk nothing by herself.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 23.—The greatest reticence is maintained in government circles. The censors have forbidden the press to attack Germany on account of the occupation of Kaio-Chou. Emperor Nicholas presided to-day at a special meeting of the council at Alexander palace, including the grand dukes and the chief military and naval authorities. The Chinese situation was discussed, and it is rumored that Grand Duke Alexand Michaelovitch advised the immediate strengthening of the Russian squadron in China.

VIENNA, Dec. 23—The Deutsche Zeitung says: "The United States, which from its geographical position has a greater interest in the opening up of China than all the European powers together, cannot possibly assent to its partition or to a division into spheres of influence without having a voice in the matter. It would be a great mistake to under-estimate the strength of the United States, and a partition of China would be impossible without America's approval and participation. The European powers will do well to give timely attention to the just aspirations and interests of the United States."

RECIPROCITY STUMBLES.

All the Nations Want Something for Nothing and Hence the Trouble.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The reciprocity negotiations between the United States and Germany are practically suspended. They never got beyond the initial stage. There appears to have been a willingness on the part of both governments to look into the subject but the inquiry did not develop any prospect of material concessions on either side. It was thought that the arrival of the new German ambassador, Dr. von Holleben, would give an impetus to the negotiations and perhaps result in the conclusion of a treaty, but on the contrary the subject has lapsed and neither government is showing any anxiety to urge the matter to a conclusion.

The negotiations with France are similarly at a standstill owing to the course of the French government in raising the duties on lard and other American products. The reciprocity negotiations with Great Britain as to the British West Indies are proceeding slowly.

DIVINES AT ISSUE.

Principal Grant's Views on Attempted Prohibition Cause a Challenge From Dr. Lucas.

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—(Special)—Rev. D. V. Lucas has challenged Principal Grant to debate with him the "merits and demerits of the liquor traffic; the benefits and feasibility of the principle of total prohibition of the traffic, and the duty of Christian nations to prohibit it." Principal Grant writes inviting Dr. Lucas to Kingston, and offering to debate prohibition, not the liquor traffic.

Obituary.

MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—(Special)—Alex. Ewan, of Alexander Ewan & Co., selling agents of the Merchants' Cotton Company, died this morning after a long illness.

THREE CENT SCHEME FAILS

And Letters to Great Britain and the Colonies Will Be Charged the Usual Postage.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—The new link of empire in the shape of three cent postage to Great Britain and the colonies which was announced with such a flourish of trumpets during the Toronto election will not be forged for the present. The colonial office has pulled the Postmaster General up sharply by informing him that the matter is not of the purely domestic character which Mr. Mulock assumed it to be, and hence the proposed reduction has been indefinitely postponed. The following is the official explanation on the subject:

"It seems that with a view to securing reductions in postage from Great Britain and other British possessions on mail matter to Canada, it is inexpedient to bring into force on the first January next the intended reduction from five cents per half ounce to three cents per ounce on letters from Canada to Great Britain and the rest of the Empire. The Imperial authorities prefer that a conference be first held to secure a reciprocal reduction of postage both ways between Canada and the rest of the Empire, and which it is hoped will cover not only letters, but also papers and periodicals. The hearty acquiescence of the British and colonial authorities in this larger question is looked for, and the outcome of discussions and negotiations will in all probability result in the establishment of a British Imperial preferential postal arrangement, covering the whole field of postal communication."

WOULD TREAT WITH CANADA.

Ex-Secretary Hamlin Realizes the Advantages That Might Follow—Not Posted as to Klondyke.

BOSON, Dec. 23.—Hon. Charles S. Hamlin, ex-assistant secretary of the treasury, spoke to-day before the members of the shoe and leather trade at the New England Shoe and Leather Association's rooms on the question of trade relations between the United States and Canada. After remarking upon the commercial treaty with Canada of 1854, but which was only for raw materials, and the commercial convention in Detroit in 1866, Mr. Hamlin said:

"The same interests that prompted that commercial convention then exist to-day, and even to a greater degree do we now need cordial co-operation with our northern neighbors. I believe it possible to conclude certain reciprocal treaties by which may be set at rest forever any apprehension as to the repeal of the bonding privileges. We can then settle the disputed fishery question on the great lakes, and on the coast of Nova Scotia. We can have passed new immigration laws permiting our citizens to go into the great Klondyke region. Such a treaty will add to the wealth of Canada as well as it would to that of New England and increase our prosperity."

LORD DUFFERIN'S COMPANY

Would Like the Le Roi but Baulk at a Million Pounds Sterling.

MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—The Star's special cable from London says: The affairs of the newly issued British America Corporation, of which Lord Dufferin is chairman, are widely discussed. It seems certain that the Le Roi mine has not been sold, as the public inferred. The corporation is still negotiating for its purchase, but is unwilling to pay anything like the million pounds sterling in cash, which the proprietors of the mine ask.

C. P. R. YUKON STEAMERS.

They Will Call at South Africa and Australia on Their Way Out From Glasgow.

MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—(Special)—The Canadian Pacific will run a round-the-world excursion in the three steamers bought at Glasgow for the Yukon service. The steamers will leave England for Australia, and thence make for the Pacific Coast.

Meeting of Parliament.

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—(Special)—The Globe has announced definitely that parliament will meet on February 3.

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AWARD BUT ONE-HALF.

Arbitrators Assess at $464,000 the Victoria Sealers' Loss Through United States Interference.

Suggestion That the Commissioners Compromised on the Paris Award With Interest Since.

Washington Declares That the Sealers Get Interest But No Prospective Damages.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—Sir Louis Davies, minister of fisheries, received a dispatch from Sir Julian Pauncefote to-day stating that the award of the Behring sea claims commissioners is $464,000. This sum covers all items, including interest, involved in the different claims of the masters and crews of twenty-four vessels seized by United States cruisers during the years from 1886 to 1892, with the exception of the two minor cases of the Black Diamond and the master of the Ada. The commissioners have conditionally agreed upon an award for the latter of $5,000 and $1,000 respectively, but the final determination of the amount will have to be left to diplomatic settlement.

The Black Diamond was ordered out of Behring sea by a United States cruiser in 1886, and the master, Henry Paxton, after the original claim of the vessel was filed, put in a subsequent one for damages which he claimed to have been sustained by reason of losing season's sealing. His claim was $7,500, and the commissioners have decided that he is entitled to $5,000. The other claim, which the commissioners assess at $1,000, is that of Captain Gaudin, who was master of the Ada, one of the vessels seized, and which from oversight was not included in the general claim put in by the owners of the vessel. The Imperial government subsequently allowed it to be entered. Capt. Gaudin's claim was $3,000 but he only secured $1,000 under the award.

There is great disappointment in ministerial circles over the award. At the very least it was thought the sum of $700,000 or $750,000 would be obtained, but instead of that it looks as if the commissioners had taken the sum mutually agreed upon between the United States and Canada three years ago, namely $425,000 and added interest to it, making this award. Sir Louis Davies, speaking to the COLONIST correspondent to-night, said he assumed that the commissioners had been animated by the desire to close up the matter as speedily as possible, and that they considered it better in the interest of both countries to compromise in order to secure prompt settlement rather than to accept the alternative proposition provided by the treaty and allow the final decision to be made by an umpire to be chosen by the president of the Swiss confederation.

THE CASE REVIEWED.

Washington Glad That an End of the Matter Is in Sight.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The announcement of the finding of the sealing arbitrators is received with satisfaction here. The controversy has occupied the attention of the authorities here and in London for many years. At the outset the tone on both sides was very belligerent, suggesting a possible resort to arms. This was followed later by the Corwin seizing the Carolina and Thornton on August 1, 1886. The facts of the seizure were not known until some time later, and in the meantime the Corwin had taken the Onward and Favorite. The same policy of seizure and confiscation continued during several sealing seasons despite the protest of Great Britain. The United States cutter Richard Rush took the Sayward, Grace, Anna Beck, Dolphin, Alfred Adams, Triumph, Juanita, Pathfinder, Black Diamond, Lilly, Ariel, Kate, and Minnie, while the United States cutter Bear took the Ada.

The claims for these seizures took a wide range, beginning with the value of the vessels and outfits and including not only the sealskins confiscated but also the value of the skins which might have been taken if the schooners had not been seized. The last feature, of prospective damages, caused the main contention. In the case of each British ship the largest item of the claim was for estimated further catch. For instance, in the case of the Carolina the claim for the ship was only $4,000, while that for skins which might have been taken for that year, if she had not been seized, was $16,667. Each ship estimated a prospective catch of from 3,500 to 5,000 skins. The total of the claims, without interest at 7 per cent., and other additions, reached $786,166.

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THE WASHINGTON VERSION.

The Award Represents Actual Loss With Interest Without Anything for Prospective Damages.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The official statement of the award of the sealing commissioners is contained in the following announcement given out at the state department this afternoon: "The award of the Behring sea claims commission has been filed in the department of state. The claims as presented by the British government to the commissioners on account of Canadian vessels seized in Behring sea aggregated with interests $1,500,000. This included under the terms of the treaty several cases not embraced in the settlement proposed by Secretary Gresham. The award now made amounts to $294,181.91, to which is to be added interest, which will increase the total by about 50 per cent. The award is final and disposes of all cases before it. Payment under the treaty must be made within six months."

Departmental officials, it is assumed, will proceed at once to prepare a bill of amendment to one of the regular appropriation bills for submission to congress, covering the appropriation necessary to pay the judgments, for being bound by treaty not only to pay any judgments rendered but to pay them promptly, the government is in honor bound to take the remaining steps to vards a settlement in short order. There appears to be little doubt that the United States has carried its point on the main question involved, viz, as to the right to prospective damages for sealskins which might have been taken if vessels had not been seized. The British claim included these estimated profits which in the aggregate ran the claim up to a high figure.

In view of the small amount of the actual award, without interest, these large prospective damages evidently are scaled down to an insignificant amount or rejected entirely. While the department officials will make no definite announcement to this effect, intimations are given that the smallness of the award precludes the possibility of any allowance having been made on account of prospective damages. The Alabama committee established the precedent that remote damages could not be included in a claim, and the present award is evidently on the same line.

General John W. Foster, who is in general charge of Behring sea affairs, said to-night as to the award that he was not surprised at the result. President Cleveland having officially declared that $425,000 was a just and equitable sum in settlement, and having appointed him as commissioner to adjudicate the claims, as a close personal and political friend it could hardly be expected that Mr. Foster would strenuously contend for an award of a less amount. Mr. Foster was absent from the country in Japan when congress took action on President Cleveland's recommendation, but he regarded the commission as the proper method of reaching a settlement and the only one which would satisfy.

Notwithstanding that the seizures which gave rise to the award were initiated under a Democratic administration, President McKinley will doubtless unhesitatingly recommend congress to provide for the payment, and Mr. Foster hoped, and felt sure, that congress would make the necessary appropriation to discharge the treaty obligation, and as the Canadians are to receive interest up to date on their deferred claims, the result should be accepted on both sides in good spirit.

LONDON OPINION.

The Times Satisfied With the Award and Rebukes Insinuations of Past Bad Faith.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Times in an editorial this morning expresses satisfaction at the Behring sea settlement, which it anticipates congress will not object to, and takes occasion to protest against the "loose insinuations of bad faith on the part of the United States government which have been thoughtlessly and unjustifiably made in England." It points out that there could not be a question of bad faith, because no agreement had hitherto been arrived at as to the amount of compensation.

BLUNDERING IN INDIA.

Allegation That the Brave British Troops Have Been Very Badly Handled.

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 23.—The Pioneer publishes a scathing criticism of the recent fighting on the Indian frontier. It says the operations have ruined more than one reputation. The Pioneer asserts that the officers disappointed expectations and calls upon the commander-in-chief to weed out those who signally failed to prove their fitness to command or perform their staff duties. The paper asserts that the instances when the troops were well handled were but few, while serious blunders were numerous, and happy-go-lucky arrangements were as a rule resulting, the few hundred British troops and Sepoys forming the rear guard having again and again fought most desperately to save their skins, while within two or three miles thousands of their comrades were doing absolutely nothing.

In conclusion the Pioneer says: "The whole campaign shows carelessness and indifference for the safety of the rear guard and bad disposal of the fighting strength. While the fortified enclosures and homestead of the Afridis have been destroyed, the latter have had their revenge in actual conflicts. If the Afridis are to be coerced, more skill is required and the staff must be weeded, irrespective of personal feeling."

A card on the outside of office door says: "Gone to lunch. Be back in ten minutes." And, the man will be there on time. That is, for some days, weeks or even months, he will. Then he will be at home occasionally for a day. He'll tell you he had a headache—a turn of cholera morbus, or maybe he'll say he had a lump in his stomach and felt too miserable to move. The lump was probably two or three ten-minute lunches condenced.

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MR. TARTE CORNERED.

His Defiance Promptly Accepted by Prominent Liberals of Quebec.

Many Members of Parliament and Senators Quite Reconciled to His Departure.

QUEBEC, Dec. 23.—(Special)—Mr. Prefontaine, M.P., was shown a despatch from Ottawa in which Mr. Tarte is said to have declared that if any three Liberal members from Quebec would sign a petition asking for his resignation he would resign immediately. He replied: Let Mr. Tarte present that statement over his signature, or publish it in La Patrie, and it will not take five minutes to obtain more than three Liberal members to sign the petition. Senator Thibaudeau, who was standing by, added: "Yes, and two dozen if necessary." Mr. Beausoleil, M.P., made a similar statement last evening.

TORONTO INTERESTED.

Board of Trade There at Last Aroused to Importance of Yukon Trade.

TORONTO, Dec. 22.—The Toronto Board of Trade has taken up the complaint of the British Columbia board that Canadian goods going into the Yukon district are subject to vexatious regulations on the part of the United States customs authorities, and has adopted resolutions calling on the government to communicate with the United States government, and declaring in the event of that government not taking immediate steps as may lead to fair regulations via the port of Dyea the government of Canada should at once take steps to close all Canadian ports of entry for trade entering the Yukon district from the Pacific, excepting Glenora or Port Cudahy.

MOVING ON KLONDYKE.

London Offices Besieged With Inquiries by Intending Passengers.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—(Special)—A Star cable says: Arrangements are being rapidly completed here in connection with the spring rush to Klondyke. Two Union line steamers, the Athenian and the Tartar, have been secured for the Vancouver-Fort Wrangel service in connection with the C.P.R. The ships, which are now being surveyed, will leave for Vancouver on February 1. after an entire refitting. They are 4,000 tons each, have a speed of 14 knots and will carry 200 first and 1,000 steerage passengers.

The government and steamship officers are overwhelmed with inquiries. Between 70 and 80 inquiries are made daily at the Canadian Pacific offices alone, where passengers are booked through to Telegraph creek.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST.

Teamster Frozen to Death—A Shortage of Oats—Grub Staking for the Klondyke.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 23.—(Special)—A man named Pugh was found frozen to death near Lake Winnipeg on Saturday last. On going over the lake, one of his horses got into a crack in the ice and trying to get it out he slipped in. He was found two days afterwards with one elbow resting on and frozen to the solid ice. He might possibly have got out had he not been a sufferer from paralysis.

Large qdantities of corn will have to be shipped in from the South to supply the deficiency caused by the lack of oats. In the city a very large quantity is being sold and in the country, particularly in southwestern parts, where the oat crop is never heavy, corn is being sold by the car load.

It has been decided not to send the buffalo from Lord Strathcona's farm at Silverheights to Banff until the spring.

Several Eastern wholesale houses have decided to open branches in this city at once.

A club is being organized here to grub-stake Manitobans for the Klondyke. A number of Winnipeggers are prepared to start for the Yukon on condition of being properly equipped.

Bank clearings at Winnipeg for the week were $2,141,510, balances $400,366; for the same period in 1896 the returns were $1,602,124, balances $245,670.

A petition is in circulation, and being largely signed, asking that U. S. Consul Duffie be retained here. Members of the G. A. R. post are unanimously in favor of the present incumbent.

Donald Maclean, of Windsor, who was arrested on information laid by William Judson, of Moosejaw, has begun an action for damages for false imprisonment, suing for $2,000.

A MAGNETIC PUZZLE.

Curious Deflection of the Needle Over an Immense Area in Central Russia.

MOSCOW, Dec. 22.—Experiments that have been made by Russian and French savants in connection with the remarkable deflection of the magnectic needle over an immense area in Central Russia have given curious results. The observations were confined to the strip of country between Moscow and and Kharkoy, a distance of about 850 miles. In the province of Kurask, in the north, the needle was deflected 20 degress. One hundred and fifty miles southeastward the deflection exceeded 96 degrees, the needle pointing east and west instead of north and south. Engineers engaged in building a railroad in that part of the country are much interested in the experiments, They speculate as to how the magnetism will affect the durability of the rails. It is known that rails are usually more durable when laid north and south than in other directions, the greatest wear from magnetism being when they are laid due east and west.

A PERSONAL ITEM.

MRS. WM. HAMBLY, Belleville, Ont., says: "My husband was troubled with kidney complaint, rheumatism, loss of appetite, sleeplessness, etc., and could not get relief until I got a box of DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS for him. He has now used four boxes in all and is perfectly cured.

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS are the ones that cure. Remember the name, DOAN'S.

ADVICES FROM THE ORIENT.

Japan Decides Not to Meddle With the Powers—A Wise Chinese Viceroy.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The following Oriental advices have just been received per steamship China from Yokohama via Honolulu:

At an extraordinary meeting of the Japanese cabinet Baron Nischi, foreign minister, laid before the ministers all the reports he had received from Japanese ministers in foreign countries relative to the seizure of Kiao Chau by Germany.

It was decided after a prolonged discussion not to meddle with the affair at the present time but to wait further developments since nothing had so far transpired in Germany's action calculated to disturb the peace of the Far East and justify the interference of a third power.

According to the Chinese papers viceroy Chan Chitking has issued a proclamation exhorting his people to be more friendly to foreigners and warning them that any hostility manifested will be severely punished.

CANADIAN TRADE.

Demands for Klondyke Supplies an Important Factor in the East.

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly statement of trade in Canada says: Montreal is generally active. In groceries there is a fair distribution. Sugars rule firm at late advances and will likely continue so, as winter freights now practically shut German refined out of the market. In canned goods there is a further marked advance. Tomatoes are reported to have sold in quantity at $1 a dozen for the Klondyke trade, and a Western canner is said to have an offer for the balance of his stock of corn at a good figure from a San Francisco house, who design it for the same destination.

The quotation for call money rules at 4 per cent., and the general discount 6 to 7 per cent.

Wholesale trade has been quiet at Toronto the past week. Prices of wheat continue strong with fair export demand. Bids from Liverpool have been received this week for oats, which are the highest of the season. There is a good money demand at 4 per cent., and prime commercial paper is discounted at 6 per cent. Loan company shares are stronger, with advances in Canada Permanent, Western Canada and Huron & Erie. Imperial bank and Standard bank shares are slightly better. Toronto railway and C.P.R. held the late advance well.

OPERATIONS ON 'CHANGE.

Improved Prices at the Close After a Rather Dull Day.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Several factors combined in the last hour of trading of the market to-day to lift it out of its dulness and depression, and to raise prices quite sharply above last night's closing level.

The Evening Post says: Continued stiffness in the local money market, a further decline in foreign exchange, an advance in wheat and strength in the generally dull market for securities, were the salient incidents of to-day. Canada Southern sold down on the basis of its poor show of earnings yesterday. In the anthracite stocks, fractional profits were taken, but in the afternoon the markets suddenly started up, and this strength was manifest throughout the list.

The Evening Pots's financial cable from London says: The stock markets here were lifeless to-day. Americans were good on New York buying, a feature being the demand for coalers but the close was under the best. The Paris bourse was quiet and the Berlin market steady

Closing prices: American Sugar, 139¼; Atchison pfd., 30; B. & O., 14½; Bay State Gas, 4¼; Can. Sou., 52; C. & O., 21⅝; C. B. & Q., 99; Chicago Gas, 96½; C. & N.W., 120¼; C. R. I. &c., 90½; C. M. & St. P., 95; Con. Gas N.Y., 182¾; J.C., 96¾; L. & N., 56½; Man., 107⅝; Mo. Pac., 33⅝; National Lead, 34; N.P. com., 21⅝; do pfd., 58¾; N.Y.C. & H., 106⅞; N.Y.S. & W., 16; P. M., 30¼; P. & R., all paid, 23½; Sou. Ry., pfd., 32¼; T.C. & I., 24¾; Wabash, 7¼; do pfd., 8½.

C.P.R. in London, 83⅞; Com. Cable in Montreal, 187.

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Copper dull; brokers, $10 87½. Lead strong; brokers, $3.50; exchange, $3.67½ to $3.75½. Pig iron easy.

THE WHEAT CORNER.

Armour and Leiter May Pool to Control the May Option.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The possibility that Leiter and Armour will pool their interests to corner May wheat is stirring traders on 'Change. The Post says: "George French, operating for the Leiter crowd, has piled up a line of at least four million bushels of May wheat, according to reports from the floor. Armour's radical change of front in bulling May wheat is common knowledge.

It is really well known that Armour has a pyramid of May wheat bought, which is supposed to come close to the Leiter holding. As if to emphasize the bull talk, both Armour's and Leiter's men bought wheat to-day. Armour's movements are closely veiled, but Leiter's engineers make no secret of their dealings in May wheat. Already that option is regarded as being very dangerous for the public to handle."

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DYEA MINES CHANGE HANDS.

A New York Syndicate Takes Over the Property for a Good Consideration.

Mr. R. B. Franklin, of Wisconsin, one of those interested in the gold discoveries at Dyea, was a passenger on the City of Seattle yesterday. His company, including John S. Fulmore, of New York; Chas. E. Phelps and George Town, of Chicago; John Montgomery and J. H. Connor, of Pennsylvania; and R. B. Franklin, has, he states, sold out their interests for $5,000 each. The purchaser was the well known Mr. J. Smith, representing a New York syndicate, and who had been sent out to examine the property with the result that the deal was consummated. The mine is a placer proposition, and Mr. Franklin says it shows from eight to nine colors of flake gold to the pan.

Referring to the trouble which the tramway builders had in laying a road over a certain enclosure on Dyea Mr. Franklin reports that an injunction has been obtained from the court at Sitka permitting the work to be proceeded with. As a result the ties of the road has been laid as far as Canyon City when he left, and the line was being rapidly pushed forward to completion. The weather at Dyea has been remarkably mild, the thermometer never falling below four degrees above zero. As a consequence prospectors are going over the summit every day, not altogether with the expectation of reaching Dawson City but of camping at some favorable point along the trail when stress of weather prevents all progress. Mr. Franklin intends returning North about the first of February, but his next trip will be to Dawson City.

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NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip maintain and operate, by any kind or kinds of motive power, either a standard or narrow-gauge railway, for the purpose of conveying passengers, freight and merchandise from Teslin Lake, in the Province of British Columbia, in a southerly direction to some point on the Pacific coast or inlets thereof, in the said Province; with power to construct, equip, maintain and operate branch lines and all necessary roads, bridges, ways, ferries, wharves, docks, elevators and railway stations in connection therewith, and generally to carry on the business of transportation; to erect, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and any branches thereof; and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes aforesaid; to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges or other aids from any government, municipal corporation, or other persons or bodies corporate; and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using, and on all freight passing over the said railway or any of its branches; together with all such other powers, rights and privileges as may be necessary or incidental to the attainment of the foregoing objects or any of them.

Dated at Victoria, B.C., the 8th day of December, 1897.

H. E. A. ROBERTSON,
8 Bastion Square, Victoria, B.C.,
de10 Solicitor for the applicants.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing a railway from some point on the Skeena River, in the Province of British Columbia, to some point at or near the eastern boundary of the Province, with power to build branch lines to be operated by any known motive power to any mining or farming regions practicable in connection with the said railway; to construct and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway or any part thereof; to construct elevators, build wharves, docks, warehouses, smelters, refineries, concentrators, stamp mills, etc.; to carry on a general mining and transportation business; to build construct, acquire, and operate ships, steamships, barges or other water craft; to appropriate or otherwise acquire water power, rights and privileges.

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EVENTS OF VANCOUVER.

The Licensing Board Checks Hotel Ambition—C P.R. Insists on the Eight Years' Guarantee.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23.—(Special)—There is a good deal of murmuring regarding the action of the licensing board in refusing to increase the number of licenses. One applicant said to own property valued at $300,000 cannot get a license for his hotel already in existence, and is debarred from building a large expensive hotel in the west end, owing to the action of the board. Of course opinion is divided as to the wisdom of otherwise of the unyielding attitude of the commissioners.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company has informed the council that unless the council and the citizens pass the proposed by-law to exempt the railway property from taxation and to guarantee it for eight years against any liability in respect of a bonus granted to any opposing railway, the company must decline to incur the present contemplated expenditure of some $400,000 on new terminal buildings. Public opinion is greatly divided on the question.

Excellent cigars have been manufactured in Vancouver out of tobacco grown at Kelowna by Mr. Collins. The result gives assurance of a profitable tobacco culture in British Columbia.

DEALINGS IN SHARES.

Golden Cache Holders in Uncertainty—Harrison Lake Properties—Channe Coast Operations.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23.—(Special)—There is great excitement in the stock market over Golden Cache, which was quoted yesterday all the way from $1 to $1.40. The only sales reported were at $1.15, $1.20 and $1.40, although it is reported that 1,000 shares were offered at $1. The market, however, is so hysterical that the buyers seem to be governed more by impulse, and sellers, too, for that matter, than by a calm consideration of the situation. Some stockholders declare that the clean-up is not a disappointment to them; others say that it is a keen disappointment.

Athabasca is held somewhat firmer than last week owing to favorable reports from Nelson. Mr. Brown, manager of the Fire Mountain properties at Harrison Lake, states that the mill will be running in January, in fact all is ready now but the tramway, and the great difficulty has been in getting the cable for the tram up the mountain.

Mr. G. W. Willis has returned to Vancouver after an extended honeymoon trip through California. Mr. Willis stated that the Tiger mine at Fort Steele, belonging to the Channe company, has closed down for the winter. About the first of the year Mr. Willis will visit the numerous properties of the Channe and renew active development work, when a camp will be started to work the coast properties.

CHINAMEN WITHOUT WORK.

Those of Westminster Almost Driven to Steal in Consequence.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23.—(Special)—The Chinatowns of New Westminster, Vancouver and Steveston are giving the authorities a good deal of trouble just now. Complaints of unhealthy overcrowding as usual take up a good deal of municipal attention. Then there is a lot of petty theft committed by Chinamen, especially in and about Westminster, where Police Magistrate Corbould says there must be 300 Chinamen, who have since the close of the cannery season, have had so little to do as to be almost compelled to eke out a miserable existence by pilfering.

THE DONALD SCHOOL.

Presentation to a Popular Physician a Feature of the Closing.

DONALD, Dec. 17.—The closing exercises of the public school were held last Friday. The examination was conducted by the teacher, Mr. Barron, who questioned the classes on the various subjects they had studied. In the afternoon the proceedings were varied by a number of recitations by pupils, and by the Canadian song, "The Land of the Maple," sung by all the children. At the close prizes were distributed by Mrs. Manuel. A number of parents were present and expressed themselves as much pleased with the examination and with the improvement made in the school building, which has been enlarged to twice its former size.

The children of the town are busy practising for a Christmas tree and entertainment to be held on Christmas eve.

Last Saturday afternoon, at a rehearsal for the Christmas tree, the C.P.R. medical man, Dr. Procter, was presented with an address and a handsome copy of Picturesque Canada by the teacher and pupils of the public school, as a mark of their appreciation of the interest he took in their welfare during the past year.

Rev. Mr. Duncan, recently from Scotland, conducted the Presbyterian services on Sunday for Mr. King, the local missionary.

ON THE WATER FRONT.

THE "SENATOR" RELEASED.

Bonds were furnished late Wednesday night in the case of the claim for salvage presented by the owners of the tug Sadie against the British ship Senator, and the latter ship has been released from the custody of the marshal. This removes the obstacle in the way of the vessel proceeding to the Mainland to receive lumber cargo.

THE "SEATTLE" RETURNS.

The steamer City of Seattle arrived from Alaskan ports at one yesterday afternoon and sailed for the Sound a few hours later. She had sixteen cabin and about thirty steerage passengers—four being from Dawson City, two prospectors, who have been spending some time in southeastern Alaska, and the others including a party of seven from Skagway and places along the trails as far as Lake Lebarge. The steamer left Skagway last Sunday afternoon and in Dixons Entrance, where the Rosalie was passed, also on her way south, some heavy weather was met. She saw nothing of any other vessel en route, but reports that the Farallon was scheduled to leave Sitka on Monday.

THE Provincial Grand Master, Rev. Mr. McLaren, of Vancouver, was entertained at a banquet on Tuesday night by United Service lodge, No. 24, when he paid his official visit to the lodge. There were a hundred guests sat down to table, including the Grand Lodge officers. The catering, which was attended to by Mr. J. Day, was as usual of the best, United Service always having the knack of doing things well. I.P.M. Bro. J. Beatley presided.

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I can recommend Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills very highly to those suffering from any trouble affecting the heart and nerves, for I know that they have been a great boon to me."

(Signed) MRS. STEPHEN P. CLAPP, Brighton, Ont.

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UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

List of Those at the Victoria Post Office on the Evening of December 22.

A—Mrs. M. Adams, H. A. Adams, Capt. J. F. Armstrong, H. Ashby.

B—Mrs. B. Baker, James Barratt, James Bay, Francis Bayley, F. M. Beaumont, Thos. Blaney, G. W. Brewster, B A Burton, Wm Buckmaster, H. F. Burgess, D. J. Bunell, L. Buellana.

C—Wm. Clark, Donald Campbell, J. Casey, Mrs. Charter, Mrs or Miss Annie Cheatham, A S Childs, T Chozo, Jas. B Clouson, Jno Corston, Lieut. J. K. Cowley, Geo. Cullen.

D—Thos. Dakin, J. A. Dibden, C. Dias, H. Douglas, L. B. Douson, Harry Dowsett.

E—Miss Dora Eaton, R. J. Eddners, T. Emai, J. W. Emerson, Chas. Erickson, J. E. Esmond, Mrs. Jane Evans.

F—A. Femrant, Mrs. M. Frauer, J. A. Fraser.

G—Mrs. P. Gallagher, Miss M. Garypie, C. B. Georgson, Mrs. Gilbert, Son Goro, T. J. Gonat, Alex. Grant, Jessie M. Grady, Grosse, Freak & Co.

H—Chas. Hall, Otto Halback, N. Hanlow, A. V. Harrod, Jno. Hayward, Dan. Hattie, Miss J. Hilliarn, Hungson, Esqre., D. T. Hughes.

I—D. R. Irvine, S. Inukai.

J—J. H. James, J. Jennings, Johnson, A. Johnson, J. H. Johnson, W. D. Jones, C. M. Jones.

K—Kwong On Chow.

L—Jno. Lambert, W. H. Lazier, J. G. Latimer, Lever Bros, Miss B. Loveland, Gilbert Lyon.

M—J. C. Malhes, Marks Matthews, Jas. Matthews, K. Metto, E. Metaalfa, Mow Kee, Jno. F. Morner (2), R. B. Murray, J. Murdock.

Mc—J. G. McDonald, Malcolm McLeod, Murdock McLeod, Mrs. M. McLaren.

N—Capt. Nelson, S. Nishimara, Nicholas, J. Nightingale, North Star Min'g. Co., Alfred Nobbs, Jas. Nobos, Mrs. Jas. Noble.

O—B. Orano.

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Q—Mrs. or Miss K. Queen.

R—F. Rampley, Miss Ida Rhode, Richard Richl, Geo. Richardson, Mrs. M. D. Roche, Hugh Russell.

S—K. Sasack, S. Salmond, Som Lee, Som Long, Adolph Schwarz, Frank Shion, J. A. Skinner & Co., C. D. Smith, T. E. W. Smith, Mrs. Boyle Somerville, W. H. Soucer, Mrs. H. Staff, R. D. Stephens, Eugene St. Siner, Jno Stewart, A. G. Stewart, Mrs. W. G. Sutherland, Messrs. A. C. Sutherland.

T—L Taddai, Jno. Taylor, Alex. Thompson, F. Thompson, Walter True, Mr. Truimai, Geo. Turner.

V—A. Vernon.

W—F. Walters, E. S. Wallace, H. Walthers, H. G. Walker (3), Miss M. Watkins, Mrs. G. Wall, Barton W Ward, A. J. Weich, Mrs. S. E. Wilson, Miss Wilson, Miss H. M. Wood, Jno. Wright.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Y. M. C. A. V. ALL COMERS.

The following team of the Y.M.C.A. will play All Comers on Beacon Hill Christmas morning, commencing at 11 o'clock: Goal, W. H. Kinman; backs, A. Peden and W. York; half backs, B. P. Schwengers, Walter Lorimer and W. McKeown; forwards, J. Lorimer, J. Noot, W. N. Winsby and T. York. All others wishing to have a game are requested to turn out. The Y.M.C.A. is to play the Columbias on New Year's day in the Intermediate series.

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

The executive council of the Junior Football League will meet in the Y.M.C.A. rooms at half past five o'clock Monday evening, to settle the schedule of games and transact any other business that may be necessary.

IMPERIEUSE V. BARRACKS.

Yesterday afternoon the Imperieuse opened their football season with a match against the R.M.A. The game was fast throughout; in the first half the flagship eleven got two goals, but in the second half their lack of training showed and the game ended in a draw of two goals all.

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Weak, nervous people having heart troubles are easily shocked and frightened. Milburn's heart and nerve Pills fortify the nerves, restore regular action to the heart, and cure every form of heart or nerve trouble. Mrs. Gladys McMillian, Toronto, says: "Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills cured me of nervousness and palpitation. I was so nervous that the least noise would startle me; but am now perfectly well."

THE funeral of Robie William, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bishop, of Gordon Head road, took place yesterday afternoon from St. Luke's church, Cedar Hill, Rev. Mr. Flinton officiating. The interment was in the cemetery adjoining the church.

To the aged, with their poor appetite, feeble circulation, and impoverished blood, Ayer's Sarsaparilla is a boon beyond price. Its effect is to check the ravages of time, by invigorating every organ, nerve, and tissue of the body. See Ayer's Almanac for the new year.

MUNICIPAL NOTICE.

REAL PROPERTY TAX SALE BY-LAW, 1897.

List of Lands and Improvements within the Corporation of the City of Victoria, to be sold for Taxes and Costs on the 29th day of December, 1897, at the City Hall, Victoria, at 12 o'clock, noon, in pursuance of "The Victoria Real Property Tax Sale By-Law, 1897," unless in the meantime the arrears of Taxes, Interest and Costs due in respect of each Lot in the Schedule hereunder written be paid.

Lot.	Block.	Section.	Lands and Improvements.	Assessed Owner.	Registered Owner.	Amount of Taxes for Year or Years ending Dec. 31, 1894, unpaid Nov. 24th, 1897.	Collector's Commission and Contingent expenses of sale.	Total Amount of Taxes and Costs.
Part 171	25		Land and Imp	J. H. Seeley	Pt. W.C.S. Seeley, pt. W.C.S	$ 67 35	$ 9 43	76 78
Part 171	25		do do	Mrs. W. C. Seeley	Seeley & Emmanuel Baria,	69 00	9 66	78 66
Part 171	25		do J	H Seeley & E Baria	pt. Sarah C.N.M. Renworth	31 35	4 39	35 74
N part 406	13		do and Imp	D. F. Adams	James Porter	108 75	15 22	123 97
E part 432	W		do do	Mrs. J. C. K. Greenwood	John K. Greenwood	44 25	6 19	50 44
E part 794	10		do do	Mrs. Mary Jamieson	Not registered	22 55	3 15	25 70
807	10		do	John Colbert	John Colbert and Joshua H. Warner	34 50	4 83	39 33
872	J		do and Imp	Sam Hop Tang	San Hop Tang	54 37	7 61	61 98
E ½ 878	J		do do	Lucie Thiebault	Lucie Thiebault	30 66	4 30	34 96
14 of 955, etc	44		do	W. H. Ellis	P. R. Brown	13 50	1 89	15 39
N pt 15, do	44		do	do	do	2 00	28	2 28
S do do	44		do	W. J. Cline	do	10 00	1 40	11 40
1026	Z		do	J. Bigne	Not registered	39 76	5 56	45 32
1038	Z		do and Imp.	Mrs. Rose Wallace	James Wallace	16 50	2 31	18 81
1046	7		do	Shelton & Fleming	Frank Shelton and Lizzie Fleming	15 00	2 10	17 10
1128	33		do	B. H. John	Bedlington, H. John	16 50	2 31	18 81
1129	33		do and Imp	do	do	24 75	3 45	28 20
1263	H		do do	John Turner	John Turner	255 00	35 70	290 70
13 of 1257	T		do do	Winnifred Gibson	Winnifred Gibson	31 50	4 41	35 91
1301	46		do do	J. C. Prevost	Andrew D. Laing	42 37	5 93	48 30
1302	46		do	do	do	41 25	5 77	47 02
1303	46		do and Imp	do	do	43 88	6 14	50 02
1313	44		do	G. A. Keefer	Not registered	39 74	5 56	45 30
1314	44		do	do	do	39 74	5 56	45 30
E part 1631	32		do	Mrs. Ellen Turner	Ellen Turner	6 00	84	6 84
1632	32		do and Imp	do	do	18 75	2 62	21 37
1633	32		do do	do	do	25 50	3 57	29 07
1634	32		do do	do	do	27 00	3 78	30 78
1637	32		do	do	do	16 50	2 31	18 18
5 of 1707-1711	60	(Map 220)	do	H. M. Dumbleton	Henry M. Dumbleton	21 00	2 94	23 94
6 of 1707-1711	60	do	do	do	do	21 00	2 94	23 94
N part 1746	60		do	A. J. Smith	Andrew J. Smith	27 00	3 78	30 78
7 of 1777-1791	61		do and Imp	W. H. Flewin	Wm. Hy. Flewin	20 25	2 83	23 08
1867	63		do	Est. W. C. Seeley	Wm. C. S. Seeley	35 82	5 01	40 83
1872	63		do and Imp	do	do	45 94	6 43	52 37
Part	3	Beckley Farm	do	R. R. Bayne	Richard R. Bayne	24 00	3 36	27 36
5	15-16	do	do	W. D. Morgan	Winslow D. Morgan	19 86	2 78	22 64
31	20	do	do and Imp	Fred. McGraw	Frederick McGraw	18 99	2 66	21 65
W ½ 32	20	do	do	do	do	7 62	1 06	8 68
10	21	do	do and Imp	W. H. Cowper	Wm. Hy. Cowper	51 00	7 14	58 14
11	21	do	do	do	do	48 00	6 72	54 72
12	21	do	do	do	do	55 50	7 77	63 27
6 of 7-9	22	do	do	T. Corsan	Thomas Corsan	11 25	1 57	12 82
2	1	Christ Ch. Tr. est.	do	W. H. Ellis	Wm. H. Ellis	24 00	3 36	27 36
11	1	do	do and Imp	do	do	35 25	4 93	40 18
6	37	Fairfield Estate	do	J. E. Martin	James Douglas	4 50	63	5 13
22	37	do	do	Richard Robinson	do	4 12	57	4 69
10	4	19	do	Catherine J. John	Catherine J. John	3 00	42	3 42
	14	68 (Map 261)	do	Est. W. R. Clarke	Wm. R. Clarke	23 24	3 25	26 49
17	5a	68 & 74 (Map 260 a)	do	A. L. Belyea	Benjamin S. Oddy	2 40	33	2 73
25	5a	do	do	do	do	2 40	33	2 73
2	3	74	do	Mrs. Agnes Reid	Agnes Reid	4 87	68	5 55
3	3	74	do	do	do	3 38	47	3 85
35	5	74	do	Wm. Farmer	Euphemia Cline	4 05	56	4 61
37	5	74	do	Wm. Moore	do	3 38	47	3 85
36	5	74	do	Dr. L. N. McKechnie	do	3 37	47	3 84
38	5	74	do	do	do	4 05	56	4 61
N ½ 6	Regent's park	74	do	J. J. Austin	John J. Austin	4 50	63	5 13
7 do	do	74	do	do	do	16 50	2 31	18 81
8 do	do	74	do	do	do	13 50	1 89	15 39
19	2-3	Fernwood Estate	do	E. G. Anderson	P. W. Patterson and Ed. G. Anderson	1 39	19	1 58
34	2-3	do	do and Imp.	J. H. Brownlee	Annie Hind	15 00	2 10	17 10
11	13 17 &c	do	do	H. Smith	William Wilson	3 75	52	4 27
Part	21-22	do	do and Imp.	P. S. Fenerty, et al	Sarsfield, Joseph, Kate, Anna and John Fenerty	300 99	42 13	343 12
Part	36	do	do do	do	do do	89 42	12 53	101 95
16	34	do	do do	John Colbert	Daniel R. Young	17 25	2 41	19 66
N ½ 3	58-59	do	do do	J. J. Austin	J. J. Austin	5 25	73	5 98
32	69	do	do	John Teague	John Teague	5 25	73	5 98
33	69	do	do	do	do	6 00	84	6 84
35	69	do	do	do	do	5 25	73	5 98
37	69	do	do	do	do	5 25	73	5 98
111	69	do	do	do	do	5 25	73	5 98
18	45-48 &c	25	do	Chan Man Cheong	E. B. C. Hannington and Hy. Croft	2 70	38	3 08
71	do	25	do	W. H. Phillpot	Wm. H. Philpott	5 01	70	5 71
87	do	25	do	G. A. McBain	John D. Foreman	6 56	92	7 48
34	69-72	Spring Ridge	do and Imp	C. Farrington	Christopher Farrington	7 50	1 05	8 55
43	69-72	do	do do	Mrs. M. R. Robbins	Clara O'Haggerty	9 00	1 26	10 26
8	Suburban	5-acre lots N ½ 7	do and Imp.	W. J. Cline	Walter J. Cline	21 00	2 94	23 94
34	do	do 8	do do	Thos. Tugwell	Thomas Tugwell	17 25	2 41	19 66
18	do	do 19	do	F. H. Curry	Frank H. Curry	5 40	75	6 15
W ½ 36	do	do 19	do	Mrs. John Smith	John Smith	2 70	38	3 08
W ½ 59	do	do 19	do	do	do	2 70	38	3 08
14	A	Finlayson Est	do and Imp.	Mrs. Kate Wilson	Joseph Wilson	25 50	3 57	29 07
8	B	do	do do	T. J. Dearberg	Thomas J. Dearberg	18 00	2 52	20 52
12	C	do	do	Tong Yue & Co.	Charles J. Mulkey	18 00	2 52	20 52
15	Q	Work Estate	do	N. P. Snowden	Northing P. Snowden	9 00	1 26	10 26
16	Q	do	do	do	do	10 50	1 47	11 97
17	1, 7, 8, 9	do (Map 162)	do	Loo Chong Shang & Chow Kai	Royal Agnew	33 73	4 72	38 45
96	7	Hillside Ext. IV	do	Donald Smith	Donald Smith	13 50	1 89	15 39
97	7	do IV	do and Imp.	do	do	17 25	2 41	19 66
128	9	do IV	do do	J. A. Grant	James A. Grant	14 25	1 99	16 24
161	10	do IV	do	James Jeffery	James Jeffrey	9 75	1 36	11 11
253	13	do C	do and Imp	Mrs. L. Winnett	Lydia Winnett	7 50	1 05	8 55
255	13	do C	do do	do	do	7 50	1 05	8 55
6 of 3	7-9	Saanich Ext.	do	Sam Wai	Sam Wai	3 38	47	3 85
10 of 4	7-9	do	do	do	do	3 00	42	3 42
22 of 1	56-57 &c	29-30 Oaklands	do and Imp	A. V. Wover	Emanuel Levy and Emmanuel J. Salmon	5 99	84	6 83
2 of 2	do	do do	do	G. P. Carter	Joshua Davies Henry Moss	4 23	59	4 82
1 of 3	do	do do	do	F. J. Julill	do do	2 70	38	3 08
14 of 3	do	do do	do	do	do do	2 70	38	3 08
22 of 3	do	do do	do	Est. Geo. Fairbrother	do do	2 70	38	3 08
	10	do do	do	C. Farrington	Not registered	52 00	7 28	59 28
1	1-5	10 Victoria West	do	Thos. Henderson	Thos. Henderson	4 50	63	5 13
2	1-5	10 do	do	do	do	4 13	58	4 71
25	1-5	10 do	do	R. Kenny	Emanuel J. Salmon	3 37	47	3 84
37	1-5	10 do	do	Robt. Whittly	do	3 38	47	3 85
10	8-12	10 do	do	Thos. Turnbull	Thomas Turnbull	4 13	58	1 02
11	8-12	10 do	do	do	do	2 25	31	2 56
5	13-17	10 do	do	Thos. Henderson	Thomas Henderson	5 25	73	5 98
6	13-17	10 do	do	do	do	5 25	73	5 98
25	F	31 do	do	Styles & Banfield	George Elvin	9 75	1 37	11 12
25a	F	31 do	do and Imp.	do do	do	7 50	1 05	8 55
19 of 101-4 &c.	N	31 do	do	Mrs. T. N. Butcher	Thomas N. Butcher	1 50	21	1 71
27 do	N	31 do	do	do	do	1 50	21	1 71
188	W	31 do	do and Imp.	T. W. Fletcher	Thomas W. Fletcher	4 88	68	5 56
183	X	31 do	do	Mrs. L. M. Boggs	Louisa M. Boggs	7 50	1 05	8 55
184	X	31 do	do and Imp.	do	do	25 50	3 57	29 07
8	Lime Bay	31 do	do	W. R. Jones	Wilfrid R. Jones	9 75	1 36	11 11
12	do	31 do	do and Imp.	do	do	9 75	1 36	11 11
15	1-6	32 do	do	M. Lefurgy	Beaumont Boggs	2 25	32	2 57
16	1-6	32 do	do	J. M. Morris	do	2 25	32	2 57
Pt. 3	11-12	32 do	do	Jno. Kinsman	Elbridge J. Christie	1 70	23	1 93
Pt. 4	11-12	32 do	do	do	do	1 33	19	1 52
8	18 19 &c	32 do	do and Imp.	McKay & Cannell	Kenneth Cannell and Alexander McKay	7 63	1 07	8 70

City Treasurer and Collector's Office,
City Hall, Victoria, B.C.
November 24th, 1897.

CHAS. KENT,
Collector of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, B.C.

MUNICIPAL NOTICE.

ADMIRAL'S HOUSE TAX.

The undersigned is now ready to refund the above tax.

Tax receipts MUST be produced.

CHAS. KENT,
Treasurer.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session for an Act to incorporate a Company with power to construct, equip, operate by any kind or kinds of motive power, and maintain either a standard or narrow gauge railway for the purpose of conveying passengers and freight, including all kinds of merchandise, from a point at or near Pyramid Harbour, on the Lynn Canal in a northerly or north-westerly direction, and by the most direct and feasible route to a point on the boundary line between this province and the Northwest Territory of Canada, and with power to construct equip, operate and maintain branch lines and all necessary roads, bridges, ways, ferries, wharfs, docks, and coal bunkers; and with power to build, own equip, operate and maintain steam and other vessels and boats; and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to carry on a general express business, and to build and operate all kinds of plant for the purpose of supplying light, heat, electricity or any kind of motive power; and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the Company, and to acquire lands bonuses, privileges, or other aids from any government, municipality, or other persons or bodies corporate; and to make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies; and with power to build wagon roads to be used in the construction of such railway and in advance of the same, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using, and on all freight passing over any of such roads built by the company, whether built before or after the construction of the railway; and with all other usual, necessary or incidental rights, powers or privileges as may be necessary or incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

Dated at the City of Victoria, the 3rd day of December, A.D. 1897.

R. T. ELLIOTT,
Solicitor for the Applicants.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the province of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip, operate by any kind or kinds of motive power, and maintain either a standard or narrow gauge railway for the purpose of conveying passengers and freight, including all kinds of merchandise, from a point at or near Portland Inlet or Portland Canal, Cassiar District, British Columbia by the most direct and feasible route to a point at or near Teslin Lake; and with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain branch lines and all necessary roads, bridges, ways, ferries, wharves, docks and coal bunkers; and with power to build, own, equip, operate and maintain steam and other vessels and boats; and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches; and to carry on a general express business, and to build and operate all kinds of plant for the purpose of supplying light, heat, electricity or any kind of motive power; and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the company; and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges, or other aids from any government, municipality, or other persons or bodies corporate; and to make traffic or other arrangements with railways steamboats or other companies: and with power to build wagon roads to be used in the construction of such railway and in advance of the same, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using and on all freight passing over any of such roads built by the company, whether built before or after the construction of the railway; and with all other usual, necessary or incidental rights, powers or privileges as may be necessary or incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

Dated at the City of Victoria the 4th day of August, A.D. 1897.

HUNTER & OLIVER,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

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NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a railway of standard or any other gauge from a point at or near the head of Lynn canal northward along Dalton's trail or as near thereto as practicable to a point at or near Fort Selkirk in the North West Territories, with power to connect with any railway in American Territory, and to construct, operate and maintain branch lines and all necessary roads, ways, bridges and ferries, and to build, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith, and with power to build, equip, own and maintain steam and other vessels and boats, and to operate the same on any navigable waters, and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the proposed railway and works, and to generate electricity for the supply of light, heat and power, and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the Company, and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges and other aids from any government, municipal corporations, or other persons or bodies, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using, and on all freight passing over any of such roads, railway, ferries, wharves and vessels, and with power to make traffic or other arrangements with railway steamboat or other companies, and for all other necessary or incinental rights, powers and privileges in that behalf.

ROBERT CASSIDY,
32 Langley St., Victoria, B C.,
Solicitor for the applicants.

November 16th, 1897. n26

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the province of British Columbia at its next session for an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of developing and turning to commercial use the Iron ore deposits situate upon and near the coast line of the province of British Columbia, and to that end, to construct blast furnaces, rolling mills, roads, tram roads railroads, docks wharves, houses, buildings, wharves, docks, steam and other ships, hydraulic power plant and works, electric power and electric lighting plant and works, plate-rolling plant, tin-plating plant, and such other plant and appliances for the manufacture of pig iron, steel blooms and billets, tin plates and generally to do all things necessary and conductive to the establishment of iron, steel and tin plate works and manufactories, and for the establishment of a home trade and an export trade, and to acquire lands, privileges, or other aids from any government, municipal corporation, or other persons or bodies, and generally to do, acquire, receive and perform all usual and necessary rights, powers privileges and aids for giving full effect to the intentions of the applicant herein before set forth.

Dated at Victoria, the 8th day of December, 1897.

JOHN COBELDICK,
Applicant.

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RESERVE—CASSIAR DISTRICT.

Notice is hereby given that the under-mentioned tracts of land are reserved for Government purposes until further notice, viz:—

1. A belt of land, five miles in width, extending back from the shore line of the whole of that portion of Bennett Lake, which lies within the Province

2. A belt of land, five miles in width, extending back from the shore line of the whole of that portion of Teslin Lake which lies within the Province.

3. A belt of land commencing at a point five miles below Glenora, on the Stickeen river; thence up the said river to a point five miles above Telegraph Creek, and having a width of five miles on each side of the said river

GEO. B. MARTIN,
Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works.

Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., 11th December, 1897. d13

NOTICE.

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E. A. WILMOT,
City Engineer.

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de12 H. SIEBENBAUM.

ED. LINES, General Scavenger 286 Yates street.—Yards, etc., cleaned. Orders left at Geo. Munro's, 89 Government street; Speed Bros., corner Douglas and Fort; or Blair & Gordon, corner Menzies and Michigan, will be promptly attended to. de

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THE SEALING AWARD.

The award of the sealing commissioners will be a serious disappointment to the sealers, but the best way to do in such matters is to accept the inevitable and close the matter at once. We are unable to understand the principle upon which interest has not been allowed. It is bad enough for the sealers to be put to a loss aggregating $464,000 without being kept out of their money for years and put to a very large expense. It may be that the loss of the interest will have to be borne with as good a grace as possible, but we submit that the Dominion government ought to reimburse the individual sealers in their legal expenses. We do not know what these amount to, but they must be very considerable, and if they are not refunded the victory will be a very barren one to the sealers individually, whatever it may be to the country. There is some little satisfaction in the knowledge that the amount is more than the Canadian government offered to accept in full, for this shows that the demand was entirely reasonable and that the refusal of the United States to pay it was wholly unwarranted. We hope the amount will be promptly paid over. There is no use in complaining; for undoubtedly the commissioners have done what they thought was right in the premises. They are both able men and they approached the consideration of the question in the best possible spirit. The case was very ably argued on both sides, and we cannot very well raise any objection to the decision reached, for not only were the claims of the sealers presented with great force, but the Canadian representative, who might naturally be expected to take a Canadian view of the case, is a gentleman of great force of character and more than ordinary ability. On most questions we would be prepared to accept the decision of Hon. Mr. Justice King as a fair one, and he is one of the very last men to whom we would impute any disposition to swerve from his conception of what was right. Therefore, while repeating our regret that interest was not allowed and our inability to understand without further light why it was not, we think the country is to be congratulated upon the result of the inquiry.

We urge, however, that the point made above ought not to be lost sight of and that the Dominion government should either take prompt action to reimburse the sealers in their actual outlay for legal expenses, or else supplement the award by an amount equivalent to reasonable interest.

A Washington despatch received late last night puts the award in a different light to that shed upon it from Ottawa, intimating that the sealers have been allowed interest, but that their claims for compensation for the stoppage of their legitimate business have been rejected. The Canadian government having fully endorsed these claims, would no doubt be equally ready to compensate the sealers in respect to them as in the matter of interest.

THAT REINDEER EXPEDITION

It is suggested that the telegrapher who sent forward the despatch about that reindeer expedition to Circle City, taking in Klondyke on the way, made a mistake and that it is 300,000 pounds not 3,000,000 that the United States secretary of war proposes to send in. Even if this is the case, the proposition is not less absurd. There is no choice between two things that are impossible. It is as absurd to attempt the one as the other.

The reindeer are to come from Lapland. It is now near the last of December. Granting that a man can go to Lapland and immediately on his arrival pick up 1,000 reindeer, an extremely doubtful thing of itself, the next question would be one of food. Reindeer live on moss. Possibly they might live on other foods for a time, and in some individual cases for a very considerable time; but we venture to say that no one, who has had any experience in the ways of these animals, would undertake to transport a thousand of them from Lapland to Chilkat Pass and guarantee to deliver a single animal alive. There is an impression that reindeer can live off anything and under any circumstances, that they are remarkably hardy, and can fly over the snow with almost any load that is put upon them or to which they are attached. The facts are quite otherwise. Reindeer are rather delicate in their nature. They can stand cold weather, and they live on moss; but an animal that lives on moss does so, for the same reason that dogs delight to bark and bite: "it is their nature to," and it refuses to thrive on other fare.

Suppose the reindeer are purchased and start from Lapland on a steamer, they may reach Chilkat in about sixty days; that is to say, if the steamers loaded with the deer were ready to start from Lapland by January 1st, they would be at the head of Lynn Canal by the first of March. By the time they were unloaded and the train was made up it would be at least March 10th, so at that date we might expect to see the following expedition set out for Circle City: Five hundred sledges, each drawn by two deer and accompanied by a driver, that is, five hundred drivers; also a military escort of we have forgotten how many men, but that is immaterial for they would never get anywhere. Let us suppose that each reindeer team would draw 400 pounds of provisions besides blankets, cooking "tools" and other necessary *impedimenta*, and the arms of the soldiers. This is more than they would haul, but we do not wish to estimate too low. From Chilkat to Circle City is upwards of a thousand miles. Allowing for delays of various kinds, a liberal estimate for the loaded reindeer day after day would be twenty miles a day, that is they would be fifty days reaching Circle City, and as there would be no sense in their remaining there, it would take them as long to come back, including the time for unloading and resting. That is to say, the five hundred drivers and the men in charge of the expedition, who would probably number at least twenty, including cooks, would have to be fed for one hundred days. Five hundred and twenty men in these cold latitudes would require at least four pounds of something to eat in a day, which would come to 400 pounds a man. Multiplying this by the number of men—520—we have 208,000 pounds required to provision the relief party. Now the total weight to be carried by the reindeer teams, each team consisting of two deer, would be 200,000 pounds, of which 10 per cent. must be deducted for the weight of the packages in which the goods are carried. This would leave 180,000 pounds of provisions, or 28,000 pounds less than the relief expedition would itself require. Whence it follows that unless the reindeer drivers and the officers and cooks could be persuaded to eat the soldiers, and the soldiers would consent to be eaten, the relief expedition would itself have to be relieved.

We do not think that we have in any way misstated the facts of this case, but on the contrary believe that no man who knows anything whatever about reindeer and their capacity as draft animals will dispute what we have said above. For the reason that the whole project is an impossibility one would naturally look for some sinister motive behind it; but we do not know that there is any. It may rather be a somewhat characteristic piece of buncombe, which experience has shown that the Washington government is not above.

THE News-Advertiser sneers at the Wellington Enterprise as a paper of whose existence not one-tenth part of its readers are aware. This is certainly a very clever observation. We suppose that the Enterprise could reply in the same words with equal truth. How many people out of Vancouver ever stop to ask what the NEWS-Advertiser thinks about anything, or know of its existence? Our contemporary should be ashamed of such an exhibition of caddishness.

WE are in receipt of a letter from Doaktown, in central New Brunswick, in which the writer asks for some copies of the COLONIST, and says that the people are flooded with Seattle papers. The weak point with our British Columbia people is that they do not make nearly as much use of their newspapers as they ought to. There is not a paper published in the province that might not be sent abroad with advantage to the community.

THE Toronto Board of Trade has moved in the matter of the customs facilities at the passes, and takes precisely the same ground as that taken by the British Columbia Board of Trade. Some of our contemporaries have lately taken exception to the retention by the Victoria board of its old name; but they must concede that it is fighting the battles of the province in splendid style.

"VERITAS" is informed that only under exceptional circumstances will the COLONIST permit the affairs of private corporations to be discussed in its columns and then only when the correspondent sends his letter to be printed over his own signature.

THE Fort Steele Prospector expresses a fear that it might weary and disgust its readers. If the readers aforesaid can stand the three columns of abuse which the Prospector showers upon Col. Baker, we think it need not fear that anything which it can say hereafter will weary or disgust them.

THE news that the Passes are closed by snow is not a matter of surprise. All along the Coast range the winter months are marked by heavy storms, and to climb over elevations under such circumstances is a pretty serious business.

OUR evening contemporary feels a little sore about everything nowadays. We hope it will have a merry Christmas.

A SIGN displayed in a Fort street window reads, "Keys fitted in any part of the city." Will the owner of the sign undertake to fit a key into the city government and unlock the good roads problem?

THE CANADIAN PRESS.

HOPE IT IS TRUE.

The district is on the eve of a boom that promises to be of great proportions, and which means great expansion and growth for the entire province, and in which even the neighboring provinces will share.—Rossland Miner.

AFTER MANY DAYS.

Of the three routes, the one by the Stickeen river and Teslin lake is regarded the best. The trip from Victoria to Fort Wrangel, at the mouth of the Stickeen river, a distance of 750 miles, is made in large and comfortable ocean steamers. At Wrangel passengers are transferred to river steamers, of which there will be half a dozen ready for service when the river opens about the end of April, and the trip up the river to Telegraph Creek, 150 miles, is made without any trouble. Then pack trains will take the outfits to Teslin lake, 120 miles. The country between Telegraph Creek and Lake Teslin is quite level. Steamers are now being built for service on Teslin lake and the Hootalinqua river, but for the next few months prospectors will have to take to small boats after crossing the lake, going down the Hootalinqua to its junction with the Lewes river. By this route the prospectors have a clear run from Lake Teslin to Dawson City.—Toronto Globe.

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

Mrs. Scrappe—My husband and I agreed the day we were married to have no quarrels. Friend—Have you lived up to it? Mrs. Scrappe—Well, I have; but I don't think anything could keep John from being ugly at times.

The European Powers.—"What are the 'powers' of Europe?" inquired the very young woman. The veteran diplomat looked at her thoughtfully, and then replied: "For a long time past they have been chiefly conversational powers."

He—You know I'm a stranger in this town and not used to your customs; but somebody was telling me that whenever a young man saw a girl home here he was supposed to kiss her good-night. Is this true? She—Well, you just try it and see.

A Big Miscalculation—Weary Willie—Yes; I heard dat farmer paid his help jess de same whedder dey worked er not; so I went ter work for him. Sunset Sims—An' played sick, I suppose? Weary Willie—Yep—until I found out dat he never paid nobody; he wuz a dead beat.

SOME RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

"One of the Broken Brigade." This is a story of Western life by Clive Phillips-Wolley. It is strongly written and extremely realistic. The scene is laid for the most part in British Columbia and the Northwest, and the plot deals with characters of a type with which we are all familiar. The young Englishman, who tries pioneer life on a British Columbia farm, knowing as little about the business as he very well can, is an individual whom all of us have met. The author sketches the hero with bold strokes, and indeed in the various types of Western people with whom he deals he does not hesitate to hold the mirror up to nature, with no disposition to spare the feelings of those whose general character he portrays. The plot of the story is very strong. There is a dramatic climax to it which takes the hero by surprise, and this is a feature that makes it typical of life in a new country, where so many careers are closed by unexpected tragedies. The book has had a large sale in Great Britain, and will find a very large circle of readers in this country. It is well worth reading, for we have not before had so plain a picture drawn of one phase of our Canadian life. It is not all complimentary by any means, but it does not follow from this that it is not all true. From a literary point of view, there are some evidences of haste to be noted, which the author would do well to amend in future editions, and there is rather too severe a literalness in some of his descriptions. The story bears evidence of great power, and will lead those who read it to look eagerly for the next production from the same pen.

"The Year Book of British Columbia." Agreeably to our promise yesterday we make a second reference to this work. It includes 600 pages of reading matter besides the index. The first section is devoted to a historical review, in which connection the early voyages, the journeys across the plains, the fur trading system, the early history of the province, the gold excitement, and a variety of other subjects are dealt with. In this part of the book Mr. Gosnell has had the benefit of the assistance of Sir Henry Crease, and Messrs. J. W. McKay, H. F. Hobson, and R. B. McMicking, each of whom contribute signed articles. A very useful chapter is that dealing with Pacific Coast dates. There is also an exceedingly interesting chapter on the names of places. The second portion of the book deals with such subjects as can be grouped under the head "Parliamentary and Judicial." There is not a subject coming under these very comprehensive heads which does not appear to have been treated. The Municipal system, the Educational system and the Provincial health laws are each given a department. Then follows a chapter on the Indians, one on the Physical Characteristics of the province, in which the animals and birds of British Columbia are also dealt with. The Forests, the Fisheries, Agriculture, Mines and Mining, Social Conditions, Trade and Finance, Railway Enterprises and the Canadian Yukon are also each given a chapter. There are marginal index notes, which will greatly aid the reader in finding any desired information. The amount of work represented by this book is very great. The matter seems to be arranged in very admirable form. The illustrations are attractive. It is just such a book as one might wish to have if he wanted to ascertain anything about the province. It has not been our good fortune ever to have had access to anything of the kind more complete and more conveniently arranged. It is well written, so that many of its pages can be read with interest apart from their value as a compendium of information about the province.

PHILADELPHIA BANK CLOSED.

Two Million Dollars Not Enough to Relieve Its Embarrassment.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—It is stated on the authority of a leading financier that $2,000,000 will be raised by the clearing house banks to save the Chestnut Street bank, but investigation showed that this large sum was deemed insufficient to relieve the embarrassment of the institution and the suspension was necessary. This decision was reached at midnight Wednesday.

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"I was troubled with earache for a long time," says Miss J. Johnson, Innisfall, N. W. T., "and after trying different remedies without success, used Hagyard's Yellow Oil as a last resort and I can really say that it cured me so completely that I have never had earache since."

DIED.

ELLIOTT—At the family residence, Cadboro Bay Road, on the 23rd instant, Elizabeth, the beloved wife of W. A. Elliott, a native of Braisted, Kent, England; aged 72 years and six months.

The funeral will take place on Sunday at 1:30 p.m., from the residence as above, and at the Reformed Episcopal Church at 2:30 p.m. Friends will please accept this intimation.

Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital.

CHRISTMAS DAY

The usual Christmas donations of all kinds will be thankfully received at the Hospital, or if intending donors will kindly drop a postal card to Mr. Robert Jenkinson, the House Steward, he will send to any address named and gladly take charge of any gifts. de22

NOTICE OF WARNING.

All persons using a light similar to the Auer Incandescent Gas Light, such as the Welsback, Apollo and others constructed with a mantle, are infringing our patent rights, and we herewith give warning that they are doing so at their own peril. We have no desire to involve anyone in needless litigation and costs, but we are determined to protect our rights and call attention to clause 39 of the Patent Act as follows.—"Every person, who without the consent in writing of the Patentee, makes, constructs, or puts in practice any invention for which a patent has been obtained under this act, or any previous act, or who procures such invention from any person not authorized by the Patentee or his legal representatives to make or use it, *and who uses it* shall be liable to the Patentee or his legal representatives in any action of damages for so doing."

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ELECTION CARDS.

THE MAYORALTY.

To the Electors of the City of Victoria.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—At the request of a number of citizens I have the honor to announce that I shall be a candidate for re-election to the office of Mayor at the election to be held next January, and respectfully solicit your votes and support.

CHAS. E. REDFERN.

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THE MAYORALTY.

To the Electors of the City of Victoria.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—Having been requested by a large number of ratepayers to offer myself as candidate for Mayor at the ensuing Municipal Election, I have much pleasure in complying with their request, and I now most respectfully solicit the votes and influence of the electors of the municipality to secure my election.

Previous to the date of election, I will, by public notice, call you together to place before you my views in municipal matters.

de18 JOSEPH WESTROP CAREY.

VICTORIA FLOUR & RICE MILLS.

Notice is hereby given that any persons having claims against the Victoria Flour and Rice Mills of this city are required to mail them to the Mount Royal Milling and Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Montreal, before the 1st day of January, proximo.

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Pursuant to powers of sale contained in a certain indenture of mortgage dated the 17th day of July, 1895, and registered in the Land Registry office at Victoria, B. C. as No. 626d in charge book volume 13, folio 801. Tenders will be received by the undersigned on or before the 31st day of December, 1897, for the purchase of the farm known as Section 13 Sooke District, and containing 110 acres, more or less. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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THE trial of Beaven and Yates v. Richards is not yet finished, an adjournment being taken yesterday afternoon till January 3.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Sir William Wallace Society will be held this evening, when the annual election of officers will take place.

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YESTERDAY afternoon J. A. Harvey, of Fort Steele; Frederick Elliott, of Nelson; A. Macnish and W. H. McHay, of Rossland; were introduced by Sir H. P. P. Creese, and sworn in by Mr. Justice Walkem, as members of the bar of British Columbia.

VICTOIA LODGE No. 1, A.O.U.W., elected the following officers for the year 1898 at their meeting held last night: M.W., Bro. Grizzell; F., Bro. F. Partridge; O., Bro. J. Smith; recorder, Bro. R. Dunn; financier, Bro. F. Davey; receiver, Bro. R. T. Williams.

THE military ball committee are requested to meet at the drill hall on Monday next at 6 p.m. to dispose of all business in connection with the entertainments that have been held. All accounts should be sent to the secretary, Mr. Grime, at the drill hall at once, so that they can be settled.

THE kindergarten school, under the direction of Miss Green, closed yesterday afternoon. The manner in which the twenty-five little folks acquitted themselves in their plays and songs reflects great credit on their instructors, Miss Green, Miss Lorne and Miss Worlock, and speaks in high terms of the good work these ladies have accomplished during the past three months.

THE C.P.N. steamer Danube is having extensive improvements done to her to fit her in the best possible shape for her run between Victoria and St. Michael's next summer. On the deck outside a large number of staterooms are being built, which, with the cabins and bunks being added, will afford accommodation for over 200 passengers. Everything is being done to place her on this line equipped as an A1 passenger steamship.

THE Sir William Wallace society held a special meeting last night and elected the following officers, who will administer the affairs of this order for the following year: Chief, E. B. McKay; chieftain, James Deans; secretary, R. H. Jameson; treasurer, John McCurrauch. Managing committee—Auditors, Colin Campbell and Sam. Reid; chaplains, Rev. A. B. Winchester and Rev. Dr. Campbell; piper, A. Robertson; bard, Chieftain Deans; past chief, A. Hay.

THE fiftieth anniversary of her wedding was nearly reached by Mrs. Elliott, wife of W. A. Elliott, of Cadboro Bay road, when death called her to her long home yesterday morning at the ripe old age of 72 years and 6 months. In the year 1859 the steamer Labouchere carried as passengers to Victoria her and her husband, who was then engineer of this vessel, and which was afterwards wrecked between Victoria and San Francisco. The funeral will take place on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. from the home of the deceased and an hour later from the R. E. church.

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CRIMINAL LIBEL CASES.

Most of the Third Day Taken Up in Hearing Evidence for the Accused.

Some Interesting Features Develop as the Result of the Cross-Examination.

The proceedings at the continuation of the preliminary hearing of the criminal libel charge against Mr. Ian Coltart, proved decidedly interesting yesterday. By a number of questions put to Mr. Coltart in cross-examination it was indicated that the statements of accused and those of Mr. Clive Phillipps-Wolley will directly contradict each other. There was, as on the previous day, a great deal of sparring between Mr. Robert Cassidy, for the prosecution, and Mr. Archer Martin, for the defence, a good many objections being raised as to the admission of some of the evidence.

Ian Coltart, the accused, was called to give evidence and stated that his relation to "The Province Limited Liability" was as secretary to the company, the publishers of the alleged libel. He was also a director in the company and had been secretary since February 2, 1895. He had been director since December 5, 1895. Mr. A. H. Scaife was the managing director, Mr. Bostock being the other director. Mr. W. C. Nichol had been editor since October 4, 1897. As regards this company the witness assumed purely secretarial duties for a salary of $30 per month. He did not know of the alleged libel before it was published, nor had he seen it before it was published. He had not given instructions for its appearance, nor had he any reason whatever to suppose it would appear. The witness had nothing to do with the editorial work of the Province, nor any control over it. The board selected Mr. Nichol as editor after the most careful consideration of applicants.

"He was almost unanimously recommended as being one of the ablest journalists in Canada that we had any knowledge of," said the witness, "and nothing has occurred to make the board think the paper was improperly or libellously conducted."

As soon as the alleged libel was called to the witness' attention he at once consulted the company's solicitors, and on their advice he stopped the sale of the paper promptly.

Mr. Wolley last was connected with the editorship of the paper on June 19. While Mr. Wolley was acting as editor, he being quite raw to newspaper editing, the witness had to do a little more in the absence of Mr. Scaife to show Mr. Wolley the ropes. This was outside the witness' proper duties.

"I cannot imagine any ground for Mr. Wolley making such a statement," said Mr. Coltart, "as that I practically managed both concerns and that they were run as one thing, unless from maliciousness."

"Why maliciousness?" asked Mr. Martin.

"Well, I don't think Mr. Wolley bears me any love. We had a row, in other words, and are not on speaking terms. The row was about this paper too."

Separate books and bank accounts are kept, Mr. Coltart said, for the newspaper and publishing companies. "The Province Limited" has a clerk whose business it is to sell newspapers, and if Mr. Wheeler of the publishing company sold papers it was as a personal matter between him and the clerk. "The Province Limited" was a tenant to "The Province Publishing Co." and paid rent to it. In "The Province Limited" the witness held five shares, so as to be qualified to be a director. He was made a director to fill up the number.

Cross-examined by Mr. Cassidy, the witness said that he had become managing director of the Publishing Company on the formation of the company. The newspaper is carried on under the direction of its board of directors.

"Is the editor in his writing subject to the control of that board?" was asked.

"Well," said the witness, "he is pretty much in the same way as a clock is subject to the control of a man who winds it up."

"Suppose a clock, according to this idea, did not keep the time of day, would the board interfere?" asked Mr. Cassidy.

"Unless the clock seriously went wrong," assumed the witness, "they would not interfere."

"Now the line of observations in the paper on Messrs. Turner and Pooley for their connection with companies, which culminated in the article complained of, had been going on for some time?" queried Mr. Cassidy.

"I don't know what you mean by the line of observation," said Mr. Coltart.

"I mean criticism," explained Mr. Cassidy.

"I am not aware there was any criticism on Messrs. Turner and Pooley before," replied the witness.

"Then you don't read the Province," said Mr. Cassidy laughingly.

"You may consider me dense, Mr. Cassidy, but I want plainer questions."

"Was the editor authorized by the board to criticise Messrs. Turner and Pooley?"

Mr. Coltart—"The board never expressed an opinion about Messrs. Turner and Pooley that I ever heard of."

Mr. Scaife managed the newspaper company besides editing the newspaper, Mr. Coltart proceeded. No one else had anything to do with the management of the newspaper, nor was any one appointed manager when Mr. Scaife went away. Mr. Scaife was away at the time of the publication of the article complained of. The witness was the only one of the newspaper directors on the spot at the time of the publication of the alleged libel.

"And were you the only one of the directors of the Publishing Co. on the spot?" was asked.

Mr. Martin here objected that Mr. Cassidy was going fishing for evidence. The companies were two legal entities, the one distinct from the other. It was admitted that the article complained of was published by "The Province, Limited Liability," and that being the case, Mr. Cassidy was not entitled to go fishing in the affairs of the other company.

The Magistrate overruled the objection, and Mr. Cassidy proceeded with the cross-examination.

Mr. Willsie was another director of the Publishing Company in Victoria at the time of the publication of the article complained of, the witness stated.

Here Mr. Martin renewed his objection.

Mr. Cassidy argued that though the two companies were legally separated he wished to establish that the witness has been associated with both. The fact that it was admitted that the article was published by one company did not prevent him from showing that although published by one it was printed by the other.

Mr. Martin claimed this was a change of front by the prosecution and some argument on the subject went on between him and Mr. Cassidy, who argued that he had a perfect right to show that the defendant was responsible for the libel.

On further cross-examination, the witness said that Mr. Willsie was not associated at the time of the publication of the article, with the management of the Publishing Company in any way, but was employed as a printer by the Publishing Company. He had had no conversation with Mr. Wolley when that gentleman acted as editor, as to what course Mr. Wolley was to take in editing the paper. The witness, too, denied that he had ever suggested to Mr. Wolley to make attacks on any person.

A long legal wrangle took place between the counsel on Mr. Cassidy producing a copy of the issue of "The Province" of November 27, 1897, and asking Mr. Coltart if he recognized an article in it criticizing Mr. Turner and Mr. Pooley.

Mr. Martin objected to the copy being put in as evidence unless it was proved beforehand that there was anything in it that was libellous.

Mr. Cassidy, on the other hand, held that he was quite entitled to show that there were articles written in issues previous to the one complained of and which led up to the culminating article complained of as libellous. It was open to the prosecution to show that the editor was given a free hand, and that from articles which appeared previous to the alleged libel, the defendant knew what the editor was doing. As Mr. Coltart was not a proprietor it was necessary to show in this way that the defendant was connected with the article.

The paper was admitted as an exhibit, and then Mr. Cassidy produced a copy of "The Province" of December 4, 1897, and showed to the witness an article referring to Mr. Turner and Mr. Pooley.

Here Mr. Martin wanted to know what these papers were being produced for.

The Magistrate said that apparently Mr. Cassidy was cross-examining Mr. Coltart on his statement that previous to the article complained of no criticism had appeared on Hon. Mr. Turner and Hon. Mr. Pooley.

Mr. Martin thought there might be some mistake, as it was incredible that in an opposition newspaper no mention had been made of the names of the Premier and Mr. Pooley.

Mr. Coltart remembered having read generally an article pointed out to him in that paper by Mr. Cassidy, though he did not remember any particular paragraph. The witness did not write articles for "The Province." He had never revised editorial matter in "The Province," nor had had submitted to him contributed matter that he had altered in any way.

Mr. Cassidy—"I am instructed by Mr. Wolley that that is not so; and that while he was there you constantly revised his articles and in particular——

Mr. Martin—"That is too broad. Let him give particular instances."

Mr. Cassidy, continuing—and in particular an article written by Mr. Wolley for "The Province" upon the question of the person to be appointed lieutenant-governor in the place of Mr. Dewdney; that the article was printed and that you prevented its publication on the ground that you did not approve of it and without being asked to intervene. Is that the case?

Mr. Coltart—Certainly not.

Mr. Cassidy—Do you deny that you objected to the use by Mr. Wolley in his editorial writing in the Province on the expressions "English" and "England" in referring to Imperial subjects, and that he ought to use the words "British" and "Britain."

Mr. Coltart—I do deny that.

Mr. Cassidy—"Do you deny that you gave general instructions to the people getting out the paper that the expressions referred to were to be altered in accordance with your view if they occurred in any editorial?"

Mr. Coltart—"I do."

Mr. Cassidy—"Am I right in saying that your quarrel with Mr. Wolley referred to was occasioned by an article reflecting on Hon. Mr. Dewdney which appeared in "The Province" newspaper the Saturday after the last article written by Mr. Wolley in the paper?"

Mr. Coltart—"The quarrel was caused by the appearance or non-appearance of certain articles in 'The Province.' This was after Mr. Wolley ceased to act as editor," he explained.

Mr. Cassidy—"Will you say the Dewdney article was not one of them?"

"No, I will not sar that."

There may have been a day or two between Mr. Scaife's actual appearance in the office and Mr. Wolley's leaving it, the defendant explained. He did assist in editorial work before Mr. Scaife came back to the office, by taking instructions from Mr

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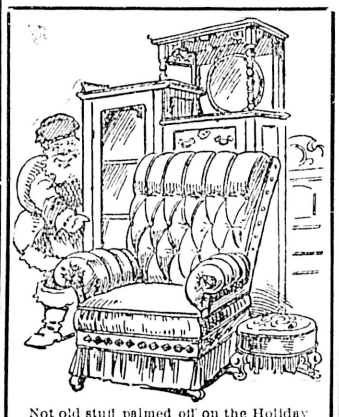

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Scaife, his superior officer, as to anything whatever in his department, including editorial matter if there was occasion for such. Mr. Scaife was in the hospital at that time and had most of the copy written when the witness called,

"Very likely I wrote something at his direction."

"Did Mr. Scaife write the Dewdney article?"

Mr. Coltart—"Certainly."

"When Mr. Wolley had the disagreement with you about the articles did you say anything?"

"Mr. Wolley had severed his connection with the paper then," said Mr. Coltart, "and under those circumstances I was not going to argue the matter with him or any one else outside."

In reading over the evidence it was noticed that the question and answer in which Mr. Coltart had said he was not aware that there had been any criticism of Messrs. Turner and Pooley, was omitted.

Mr. Martin said that had the answer been included in the written evidence, he would have asked a chance to have his client explain it.

However, the omitted portion was considered immaterial by both sides and dropped.

In answer to the Magistrate, Mr. Coltart said: "No one has been acting as manager of the newspaper company since Mr. Scaife left."

Has Mr. Nichol had a free hand? asked the Magistrate.

"He has so far as I know," was the answer.

The defendant had not as a private director or as a director sitting at a meeting, interfered with Mr. Nichol.

Mr. Martin—"Did you publish the libel in any way?"

Mr. Coltart—"Certainly not."

The Publishing Company, he explained prints and delivers the whole of the issue of "The Province" to the newspaper company. It does not sell or distribute copies.

The Magistrate asked: "Did you know before you came into court that one or more of the employees of the Publishing Company assisted in the sale of the newspaper?

Mr. Coltart did not think that quite a fair question, but replied that there might be times when an employee of the Publishing Company might oblige an employee of the newspaper in this way.

The Magistrate—"Please to answer my question."

Mr. Coltart—"No; I did not know. Many mutual assistances may have been rendered by the clerks of the two offices without my official knowledge."

As there are some nine witnesses yet, and Mr. Wolley is to give evidence in rebuttal of Mr. Coltart's testimony, the case was adjourned till Thursday morning next, and Mr. Nichol, who was summoned on Wednesday night, had his case remanded to the same time.

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No doubt the lady who is on the point of speaking to us felt the same way about her bath chair. Yes she had to ride in it, not from lameness, but from weakness, which, in some respects, is still worse. Ah! what a glorious machine the human body is when it is all right inside and out, and from head to heels. Yes, yes. Then let us be more careful to keep it so.

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"As for gaining strength from food, it was hopeless; because I had only a feeble and fitful appetite, and what I did eat gave me great pain at the chest and back, and a sense of coldness, deadness, and weight at the stomach. At times there would also be a gnawing, sinking feeling at the stomach, which can be understood only by those who have experienced it.

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For that portion of North Victoria Electoral District known as North Saanich:—On Saturday the 8th day of January, 1898, at the Sidney Hotel, Sidney, at 12 o'clock noon.

For the Electoral District of Esquimalt:—On Friday, the 31st day of December, 1897, at Henry Price's, Parson's Bridge, at 11 o'clock a.m.

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Provincial Secretary's Office,
16th December, 1897. de16

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Licence authorising an Extra-Provincial Company to Carry on Business.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

CANADA.
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,
No. 24-'97.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that "The Klondyke Mining, Trading and Transport Corporation, Limited," is authorised and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the Legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at 23 Leadenhall Street, in the City of London, England.

The amount of the capital of the Company is £250,000, divided into 250,000 shares of £1 each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at No 30 Broad Street, Victoria, and Caldwell Ashworth, gentleman and free miner, of same address, is the attorney for the Company.

The objects for which the Company has been established are—

(*a*) To acquire in the Dominion of Canada and elsewhere by purchase, lease, concession, exchange or otherwise, mining property, claims, water rights, and also including lands, mines, mining rights and claims, minerals, ores, mills, stamps, smelting and other works for treating ores and minerals and rendering them marketable metals, including also all kinds of building, machinery and plant useful or supposed to be useful in mining, milling, treating or reducing ores or minerals, and any concessions, grants, decrees, claims, rights or privileges whatsoever which may seem to the Company capable of being turned to account, and to work, develop, carry out, exercise and turn to account the same, and to dispose of any such concessions, grants, decrees, claims, or privileges.

(*b*) To carry on all kinds of exploration business and, in particular in relation to mines and minerals, to seek for and secure openings for capital, and with a view to any of the objects aforesaid, to prospect, enquire, examine, explore and test, and to despatch and employ expeditions, commissions, experts or other agents. To establish and carry on general stores and to manufacture, import, export, purchase and sell articles for sale therein in Canada, England or elsewhere, and carry on any works in connection therewith, and to carry on business as traders, merchants, storekeepers, general dealers, brokers, hotel, restaurant, cafe, tavern, beerhouse and refreshment room keepers, licensed victuallers, wine and spirit merchants, proprietors of clubs, baths, places of amusement and shops, tobacco and cigar merchants, carriage builders, wheelwrights, horsedealers, newspaper proprietors, booksellers, printers, publishers, stationers, miners, farmers, stockmen, graziers, carriers, builders and contractors, brickmakers and any kindred trade or business which may be conveniently carried on in connection therewith, and all kinds of agency business and any other kind of business which seems calculated directly or indirectly to further the working and development of any concession, rights or property of the Company or otherwise benefit the Company.

(*c*) To carry on all kinds of promotion business and in particular to form, constitute, float, lend money to, assist and control any companies, partnerships, associations, or undertakings whatsoever.

(*d*) To acquire by purchase, lease, license, or otherwise, absolutely or conditionally, the rights, either generally or exclusively, over any area or areas of or in all or any patent rights or processes or mechanical or other contrivances useful or supposed to be useful for any of the purposes of the Company, and to deal with or dispose of the same or any interest therein respectively.

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(*f*) To carry on any business, the carrying on of which the Company may think directly or indirectly conducive to the development of any property in which it is interested.

(*g*) To sell, improve, manage, develop, lease, mortgage, dispose of, or otherwise deal with, all or any part of the property of the Company.

(*h*) To prospect, explore, and develop the resources of the said lands and hereditaments by building, planting, clearing, mining, and otherwise dealing with the same, and to stock the same or other lands, to cut and to sell timber, and generally to mine and carry on all sorts of mining operations in the Dominion of Canada, or any other part of the globe.

(*i*) To purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire, settle, improve, colonize, farm, and cultivate lands and hereditaments in the Dominion of Canada and elsewhere.

(*j*) To stock the same or other lands, and to breed and deal in all kinds of stock, cattle, sheep and produce.

(*k*) To work and carry on all or any mines, works and properties from time to time in possession of the said Company in such manner as the directors for the time being may determine; to erect all necessary mills and machinery, and appliances, smelting works, laboratories, workshops, dwelling houses and other buildings; construct, maintain, and alter canals, railways, watercourses, tramways, telegraph lines, or any other lines or system of communication whether by telegram, telephone, phonograph, phonophone, or otherwise, by electricity or by pneumatic force or otherwise, reservoirs, wells, aqueducts, gas and water works, drainage works, irrigation works, wharves, piers, and other works of every nature and description, purchase, rent, hire, or charter wagons, steam or sailing ships, to enter into and carry out such contracts and arrangements as may be deemed necessary and desirable to enable the Company to carry on its business and for the general conduct and management of its affairs and the doing of all such other things as may be found incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, whether in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain or elsewhere.

(*l*) To buy, sell, manufacture and deal in all kinds of goods, stores, implements, provisions, chattels and effects capable of being used or required by the Company or its workmen, or by any other persons who may settle on the property of the Company, or by others, and for that purpose to carry on the business of a general shopkeeper or merchant.

(*m*) To purchase, build, charter, equip, load (either on commission or otherwise), sell, repair, let out to hire and trade with steam or other ships, boats and vessels of all kinds. To carry on the business of carriers by land and water.

(*n*) To acquire by grant, purchase or otherwise, concessions of any property or privileges from any government, British, Colonial or foreign, and to perform and fulfil the terms and conditions.

(*o*) To obtain any act of Parliament or law or order of any Colonial or foreign legislature or government for enabling the Company to carry any of its objects into effect.

(*p*) To promote, form and register other Companies, in England or in any Colony, dependency, foreign country, state or territory, for the purpose of acquiring all or any of the property and liabilities of this Company, or for all or any of the objects mentioned in this Memorandum, or for advancing directly or indirectly the objects or interests thereof, and to take or otherwise acquire and to underwrite and hold shares, debentures or other securties in or of any such company, and to guarantee the payment of any debentures or other securities issued by any such company.

(*q*) To take or otherwise acquire and hold shares, debentures, bonds, or other securities of or in any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company, or carrying on any business capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company.

(*r*) To enter into partnership or into any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interests, or co-operation with any person or company carrying on or about to carry on any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company, and to take or otherwise acquire and hold shares or stock in any such Company. To aid in the establishment and support of associations for the benefit of persons employed by or having dealings with the Company, and in particular friendly societies.

(*s*) To carry on all kinds of financial or banking business, and in particular to negotiate loans and advances, to offer for subscription, place, buy, deal in, make merchantable, sell and dispose of ores, minerals, goods, bullion, specie, and valuables of all kinds, and merchandise generally in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain, or elsewhere, and to receive money on deposit, and to collect revenue of all kinds.

(*t*) To sell the undertaking of the Company or any part thereof for such consideration as the Company may think fit, and in particular for shares, debentures, or securities of any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company. To distribute any of the property of the Company among the members in specie, but so that no distribution amounting to a reduction of capital be made without the sanction of the Court, where necessary. To amalgamate with any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company. To purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the business, property and liabilities of any person or company carrying on any business which this Company is authorized to carry on, or possessed of property suitable for the purposes of this Company.

(*u*) To make, accept, endorse and execute, promissory notes, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments. To lend money, and in particular to persons having dealing with the Company. To raise money in such manner as the Company shall think fit, and in particular by the issue of debentures charged upon all or any of the Company's property (both present and future) including its uncalled capital or any specified portion thereof. To guarantee the performance of contracts by members of, or persons having dealings with the Company.

(*v*) To acquire patent rights and privileges in the United Kingdom or any other country or colony or state for any purposes deemed to be useful for the Company, and to resell the same or turn the same to account by manufacturing thereunder, granting licenses or otherwise.

(*w*) To lend money to any company, partnership, person, or association upon security of their or his undertaking, property, estate, assets, and effects, or any part thereof, upon such terms as may be deemed expedient, and to take such security either in the shape of mortgages, mortgage debentures, or in any other form, or to lend money in Canada or Great Britain or elsewhere with or without security. To make donations to such persons and in such cases as may seem expedient, and to subscribe for any purposes, whether charitable or benevolent, or for any public, general, or useful object.

(*x*) To pay the costs, charges, and expenses of, or in connection with the formation and incorporation of the Company, and to remunerate any person or persons for services rendered or to be rendered to the Company, either in cash or in shares of the Company, either wholly or partly paid up.

(*y*) To establish and maintain agencies of this Company in any colony or foreign state, and to procure the Company to be registered or incorporated in any colony or foreign state.

(*z*) To do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, either alone or in partnership or in conjunction with any person or other association, and either as principals or agents, and including a power to pay brokerage or commission for services rendered in obtaining or guaranteeing or underwriting capital for the Company or otherwise.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this eleventh day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

[L.S.] S. Y. WOOTTON,
de11 Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

No. 11-'97.

Certificate of the Registration of an Extra-Provincial Company.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

"Star Exploring and Mining Company."

Registered the 13th day of December, 1897.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day registered the "Star Exploring and Mining Company" as an Extra-Provincial Company under the "Companies Act, 1897."

The head office of the Company is situated in the City of Terre Haute, State of Indiana, U.S.A.

The amount of the capital of the Company is $50,000, divided into shares of the par value of $1 each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate in Victoria, and E. E. Wootton, Barrister and Solicitor whose address is the same, is the attorney for the Company.

The time of the existence of the Company is fifty years.

The objects for which the Company has been established and registered are: Mining, leasing, buying or selling mineral lands or mining properties, buying or selling mineral ores or mining materials, and the working and operating of mines and the reducing or smelting of ores, and the doing of all that may be necessary to carry on a mining business.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this thirteenth day of December 1897.

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PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

December 23rd, 1897.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor in Council directs that the following Rules, framed under the authority of the "County Courts Act" shall come into force from the 24th day of December, 1897.

By Command,
JAMES BAKER,
Provincial Secretary.

1. There shall be a vacation in the County Courts of Victoria, Nanaimo, New Westminster and Vancouver from the 24th day of December, 1897, to the 3rd day of January, 1898, both days inclusive, during which vacation, subject to the further provisions hereinafter contained, no cause shall be tried.

2. Nothing in these rules shall interfere with the issue or service of ordinary default or judgment summonses, or garnishee proceedings, or with proceedings for obtaining judgment or default summonses.

3. Nothing in these rules shall interfere with any criminal proceedings.

4. During said vacation the office hours of the offices of the Court shall be in accordance with Rule 693, "Supreme Court Rules, 1890."

5. These rules may be cited as the "County Courts (Christmas) Vacation Rules, 1897."

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THE OPINIONS DIFFER.

Widely Varying Statements as to the Probable Food Situation at Dawson City.

Report of Rich Discoveries on Quartz Creek—Major Walsh's Progress Very Slow.

W. J. Gardner, of Wisconsin; D. P. Queenland, of Seattle; A. Smallenberg, a Californian; and J. W. Denney, from Eastern Washington, form a party direct from Dawson, who left that city on the 1st of November, made a forty-five day passage up the river and over the ice, reached Dyea last Thursday by the Dalton trail, and arrived here by the City of Seattle yesterday. On their adventurous journey to the coast the thermometer ranged from 65 below zero at the head of river travel to 22 above as the seaboard was approached. The packing and jamming of the ice, to a height frequently of eight and ten feet, made the trip out a very hard one, and necessitated the abandonment on the 18th ultimo of the dog train with which the start was made, the remainder of the journey being made on foot with an 85 pound pack to each man.

In the early stage of the trip 45 boats, containing 250 people at a rough estimate, were passed on the river and bound for Dawson, while many others were found encamped at favorable points along the route. The majority of these parties are well provisioned and will get into the gold country without serious difficulty, although there are of course exceptions—one being noted at Lake Lebarge, where a man and his wife have halted on their way to the Klondyke with but 700 pounds of provisions between them, barely enough for the inward journey. This side of the White river two rafts were found tied up and unable to get through, one of these containing 300 sheep, part of the Miller shipment from Juneau of 1,000 head. The other raft has 49 quarters of beef en route to Dawson to the order of Courtney, of Seattle, and now thoroughly well preserved in natural cold storage.

At Dawson when the party left, the situation was, according to Mr. Queenland, the reverse of alarming. True the restaurants was closed and the stores were not selling provisions—but no one was particularly desirous of purchasing, all the needy ones having been successfully passed down the river to Fort Yukon, and the stocks in hand being ample to the needs of the six thousand remaining in Dawson, during the interval between now and the receipt of spring stocks.

The two big warehouses of the North American Trading & Transportation Company are filled to the eves with beef not yet touched upon, and the food problem, thanks to the energetic action of the Canadian authorities, appears now to be fairly well solved. The short-provisioned ones passed down to Fort Yukon were fortunate in having the river open, their boats thereby drifting them down to plenty without even the privations of a trip through to the coast.

These have also been materially lessened by the establishment of the police posts which enable the outgoing prospectors to travel light and replenish their supplies from point to point. The miners in their turn are sometimes able to assist the police depots, as Queenland and his party discovered a shortage at Little Salmon and left forty pounds of grub to relieve it, taking an order for a similar quantity redeemable at any of the other posts to be passed.

Major Walsh and his party were fallen in with at the Big Salmon, where they have comfortable winter quarters and sufficient provisions to last them until more come to hand. The administration has sent to the lakes for men and horses and expects to lead the way to Dawson in the young days of the new year, reaching there if no further misadventure intervenes, on or about the 1st of February.

Mr. Queenland in his interview with Major Walsh took occasion to obtain his views on the alternate claim objection, the Administrator intimating that he may allow the location and recording of claims in blocks—adjoining block being held for the public benefit and the purpose of the alternate claim reservation thus being met. At a point ten miles this side of Thirty Mile river Queenland and his companions passed a special courier outfit taking in letters to Major Walsh—presumably the answers to his dispatches reporting the loss of his boats and supplies and asking for fresh horses and additional men.

At the Hootalinqua Mr. Norwood, another Dominion official, was picked up, he accompanying the outbound travelers as far as the lakes. From him the word was received that no prospecting has yet been done on the Hootalinqua, as the ground must freeze solid to be most workable. On the Klondyke tributaries the Queenland party report work progressing rapidly, with a demand still for more labor than the market provides. Many gold seekers who went in only this year will put in the winter on their own claims on new creeks, or on the share-and-share principle with established claim owners.

Quenland was only on the scene of operations 38 days, yet in that time he secured claims on Quartz, Boulder and El Dorado creeks, and succeeded in disposing of his 800 pounds surplus outfit at a rough price of $1.15 per pound. Quartz creek, lying just beyond Bonanza mountain from the creek of that name, gives promise of rivalling its celebrated neighbor, the discovery claim yielding $500 in 24 hours, and the entire creek being staked the following day by 72 enthusiastic locators. Quartz creek was not prospected last year, but when the frost came this autumn the first hole burned to bedrock proved the creek a money producer. The veterans of the district see no reason why Quartz creek should not rival any placer stream in the world, and Mr. Queenland is himself so satisfied with its prospects that he promptly refused a $10,000 offer for his unproven claim.

For the benefit of the inbound pilgrims who antipate with feelings the reverse of pleasurable the passage of the White Horse, Mr. Queenland says that Cline's tramway building party has reached there with its team of twenty-five dogs, and if no unforeseen difficulty is encountered the tramway will be in operation when the spring demands are made upon it.

TELLS ANOTHER STORY.

A Still Later Arrival From the Klondyke Capital Who Views the Situation Through Different Spectacles.

Very different from Mr. Queenland's is the report brought from Dawson by Mr. John Lindsay of Olympia, who followed four days behind the Queenland party and remained off at Skagway. The News of that young city publishes the following had by its editor from this gentleman:

"Mr. Lindsay arrived at Dawson October 15, and left on November 2 in company with Frank Ballaine, Tom Story and Robert Glynn. Mr. Lindsay left the latter at Lake Lebarge. According to Mr. Lindsay, the food supply in the Klondyke is exceedingly short, and in fact there is great suffering there already. Famine will hold undisputed sway in the golden city unless prompt relief be afforded. There is plenty of gold, but no food which can be bought with it. It is as useless as pebbles on the beach. And the denizens of the land of gold fear greatly for the future and the cold of winter.

"Relief is almost an impossibility and the fate which threatens the Dawson people is indeed a terrible one. Thieving is becoming more and more common as the supply of food becomes scarcer. The stores controlled by the trading companies have few supplies for sale. Early in the season many men deposited sums ranging from $100 to $1,000 for the purchase of their winter's supplies when the steamers arrived with provisions.

"As the readers of the News know, the steamers were unable to bring in the expected food, because of the low water in the Yukon. The trading companies could not fill the orders received, and instead of a man getting six or eight sacks of flour as he expected, he might get one. Prices, however, were not raised, and the companies sold what flour they had at $6 a sack, but one sack even was only sold in cases of dire necessity.

"Mr. Lindsay says there is little work to be had in the mines. The mine owners reduced wages to $1 per hour and men are paid only for the actual time they work. That is to say that after building a fire to thaw the ground, the laborer is not allowed anything for the time taken to render the ground soft enough to be worked. Great dissatisfaction is the result. Two thousand men will leave Dawson and come up the river if possible. When the news arrived that no supplies would come up the river this season, men with money began to buy, and flour rose to $150 a sack. It soon fell again, however, to $50.

"Worthless claims are offered for sale in great numbers. Fake claims in Dawson are almost as numerous as worthless lots in a Pacific coast boom town. Nearly every man coming out has one or two claims to dispose of to the gullible public. Mr. Lindsay believes the public should be fully warned against these wildcat schemes.

"The new law which is designed to prevent men from holding claims for speculative purposes will go into effect January 1. By the provisions of this law no owner of a mine can leave his claim, during the working season, longer than seventy-two hours. If he does so he forfeits his right to the claim.

"Mr. Lindsay reached Dawson on October 15. He was offered several 'lays' but found there was nothing to be made. Many owners of claims after ascertaining just what they may be expected to produce will give a man a 'lay,' but as a rule the claims are not rich enough to pay the worker. Rich claims are not to be had on 'lays.'

"When Mr Lindsay and party left Dawson on November 2 they carried about 125 pounds each on sleds. They made their way up along the shore on the ice as far as the Pelly river. On November 17 the Yukon and Pelly froze over, the ice gorged and destroyed the shore ice, and at Fort Selkirk the sleds had to be abandoned as well as extra clothing and blankets. The four men took 85 pounds each and reached Lake Lebarge on December 6. The weather was terribly cold. At Major Walsh's camp on the Big Salmon river the thermometer registered as low as 70 degrees, and most of the trip it was upwards of 60 degrees. Mr. Lindsay left his companions at Lebarge and came through without a blanket or axe—nothing except the clothes he wore.

"Mr. Lindsay is emphatic in his statements as to the food condition in Dawson. Actual want is there to-day, he says, and reports to the contrary brought out by others are misleading. Many of those coming out now, he says, and who declare there will be sufficient food to last this winter, do not tell the truth. They are purposely misleading the public, their object being to prevent food supplies being sent in, in order that they themselves may have an opportunity to take supplies in and sell them at an enormous profit to the famine-stricken people. Mr. Lindsay is a well known citizen of Olympia, Wash., and several Skagway business men vouch for his reliability and integrity.

"With the Yukon piled full of ice in great ridges, many feet high, Mr. Lindsay says travel over it is an utter impossibility. He says, however, that 100 men in six weeks can cut a roadway through the ice ridges beginning at the Hootalinqua where the rough ice commences. A fine sled road will thus be made and supplies drawn by horses or dogs can be put down in Dawson City in twenty days from Skagway.

"Mr. Lindsay relates many incidents to show the conditions in Dawson. An elderly physician from Spokane, named Dr. Van Vincent, is without food or money. He offered a gold watch worth $150 for a sack of flour. He could not get it. 'God only knows how I am to keep body and soul together,' he said. The tenderfeet, or checkakos, are subjects of abuse for the Dawson miners because they refuse to divide their provisions with them. A miners' meeting had been called to take steps to divide the provisions brought in by the newcomers, but Capt Considine, of the Mounted Police, stated plainly that no such thing would be tolerated. The meeting was not held.

"In spite of the gold at Dawson, long faces are more common than otherwise on the streets. A sack or a sack and a half of flour to the man for his winter's supply is not a pleasant outlook.

"R. A. Gwinn, of Seattle, also arrived from Dawson on Tuesday, having left Dawson on November 2. Mr. Gwinn does not agree with Mr. Lindsay as to starvation in Dawson. He admits that there is a shortage of food, and that, unless supplies reach there, people will have to be put upon rations. The insufficiency of food and candles will also materially reduce the gold output this winter.

"A steamer arrived early in October with a partial cargo of sugar and whiskey, which are the only plentiful products in the town. The strike of miners for higher wages does not amount to much. Men are working at $1 and $1.50 an hour. Candles sold at $1.50 apiece, but the price dropped to 75 cents, when the manufacture of candles began from tallow taken from the beef cattle which reached Dawson.

"B. L. Bradley, of Roseburg, Oregon, is another Klondyker who is at the Burkhard hotel. He arrived Wednesday, having left Dawson October 27. He, too, does not believe that famine will stalk Dawson streets. Meat is plentiful, he says, at 75 cents per pound. He claims that the stores have sufficient supplies to prevent starvation. Mr. Bradley says that coal oil sold for $45 a gallon; $24 for a common padlock, and a pane of glass 8x10 sold for an ounce of gold.

"Two or three hundred people are prospecting at the mouth of Stewart river, but as yet it is not known what the result will be. On Henderson creek, five miles below Stewart, good prospects have been found, and it is believed that the creek will prove to be rich."

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Report for 24 hours ending 9 p.m.

1 a.m..	39°	Mean 40°	The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m..	39°		
9 a.m..	40°	Highest 42°	5 a.m.—8 N.E.
1 p.m..	39°		1 p.m.—8 N.E.
5 p.m..	40°	Lowest 39°	9 p.m.—12N.
9 p.m..	42°		Rain—.01. Cloudy. No Sun.

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Music lovers in this city have learned by a somewhat varied experience to beware of the seductive tale given out in advance notices, and generally speaking performance has proved to be in inverse ratio to promise. It was therefore with more or less trepidation that one learned from the advance notice of Madame Scalchi's concert that the principal singer was "the greatest contralto on the face of the earth; that she was to be supported by a wonderful soprano, a renowned tenor, a remarkable baritone; also (without qualification) a mezzo soprano and a pianist."

Again, for those who have had the privilege of listening to Madame Scalchi in years gone by, there was the interesting question whether those qualities of voice and method which were then a source of delight and satisfaction had been maintained. And a particularly interesting question it was, because within the past year we have had two notable instances of artists decidedly past their prime appealing to us on the same score, vide the advance notices, that they were still the greatest in their respective walks in the musical world.

It may be said at once that the very exalted claims made on behalf of Madame Scalchi and her company were not borne out in their entirety; that were hardly possible. Nevertheless the performance was a fairly enjoyable one, and local musicians are to be congratulated on being afforded the opportunity of making acquaintance, be it ever so brief, with singers of some calibre.

It must be admitted that the principal artist was a disappointment, and that her voice shows decided signs of wear, not to be wondered at, after all, when we remember the hard and conscientious work she has done for so long. The largeness and power are still there, but the broad, full, resonant tone and rich quality that once distinguished it have become to a great extent impaired. In some of the more forcible passages the effect was not agreeable, and indeed all through, Madame Scalchi was most successful in the mezzo voce. There her effects were often charming, notably in the trio at the end of "Il Trovatore," where the liquid and softly sustained tones of the contralto blended so beautifully with and set off the other voices. Where power and force were employed, however, the charm wore off, and it was evident that while at one time the singer must have been able to throw herself into her part, and dare almost anything, such efforts were no longer advisable. It may be said that this is rather harsh criticism, but it must be remembered that Madame Scalchi (or her advance agent) makes rather large claims and is not to be judged in exactly the same way as an ordinary singer. On the other hand it was a great treat to follow her method, the art with which she managed her voice and emerged triumphantly from difficulties that only a singer of great ability and experience could overcome.

The supporting company is capable though, not always remarkable. Mademoiselle Toulinguet is gifted with a voice of a soft, full quality that is rare amongst sopranos and it is of rather surprising range. She carried out her part of the programme in a manner that leaves little to criticise. Signor Alberti's voice is somewhat limited in compass and best in the upper notes, but it is rich and even in quality. He was evidently a little cramped by conventional evening dress, which admits of little scope for his graceful gestures, but in the second part proved to be a very convincing actor as well as an earnest singer. Mlle. du Bedat sang very sweetly, and Mr. McQueen displayed a robust but rather unsympathetic tenor voice. He was, however, quite equal to anything he had to sing.

The first part of the concert consisted of single selections from various operas, while it was brought to a close by a performance of part of the fourth act of "Il Trovatore" in costume. This was decidedly interesting, but in the absence of an orchestra and other accessories such performance can never be quite satisfactory.

HOCK TAW IS FREE.

Mr. Justice Drake Dismisses the Charge of Forgery Against the Chinaman.

The celebrated Hock Taw forgery case finished yesterday and resulted in an acquittal for the accused, who smiled sweetly on the world when he was released from the prisoner's dock. Hock looked as happy as a clam and no doubt will enjoy his Melly Klismas and regards his counsel with as delightful feelings as if they were two real live Santa Clauses.

When the evidence was all finished yesterday, Mr. Justice Drake in delivering judgment remarked upon the difficulty of sifting Chinese evidence and remarked that the evidence had proven that the letters alleged to be forgeries had been written by Hock Taw. The court intimated that it seemed as if both the prisoner and others had been engaged in smuggling Chinese and the present troubles had grown out of the fact that there was too much competition in the business to please both.

THE last night of the first series of J.B.A.A. whist tournaments crowded the rooms of the Association yesterday evening, the progress of the contest being followed with keener interest than had been developed at any earlier part of the battle for honors. J. H. Hemesworth won, with nine games out of eleven; R. C. Trimen tailended, with three won and eight lost. The first game of the second series will take place on the first Thursday in January.

A great variety of Christmas cards, booklets and calendars can be seen at Hibben & Co's. x

PERSONAL.

A. Brownlie arrived last night from Vancouver.

L. G. McPhillips, Q.C., of Vancouver, is in town.

Thomas Morrison, Winnipeg, is a guest of the Victoria.

G. M. Leishman arrived over from Vancouver last night.

H. Tolcher of Banff leaves on the Walla Walla for San Francisco.

J. E. McFarlane, of the B.C. Iron Works, Vancouver, is at the Driard.

A. S. Potts and Dr. L. Hall were passengers from Vancouver last night.

Chief Justice Davie, who has been holding court at Vancouver, has returned.

Captain C. G. Johnston and Mrs. Johnston, Vancouver, are registered at the Driard.

R. Halthorn Graves, England, and A. O. Robinson, New Jersey, are guests at the Dallas hotel.

A. Bringgold, Seattle; George Wells, Vancouver; C. F. Knapp, Dyea, Alaska; Thos. McQueen and C. Garrow, Seattle, are at the Queen's.

Marie Toulinguet, Marie du Bedat and Sig. A. Alberti, of the Scalchi Co., are registered at the Victoria.

Harry Miller, from Chicago, Ill., is registered at the Victoria. He is here looking into particulars of Klondyke interests, for Chicago parties.

Amongst the most recent arrivals at the Dominion hotel are the following: H. B. Hodgins and family, Idaho; F. Verdin and wife, Shawnavan Lake; H. Helliwell, San Francisco; H. Tolcher, Banff; C. S. Allmen and wife, Kaslo; J. A. McLaren and wife, Kaslo; W. F. Wheeler, Tacoma; T. R. Smith, Texada, and Geo. Barker and wife, Dauphin, Man.

PASSENGERS.

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Per steamer KINGSTON from the Sound—Miss Scotch and maid, Miss Du Bedatibiss Tonliguest, W Fobris, W Lenburger, McQueen, Wm Yuons, Mr Silberman, Mr Alberti, Mrs Peabody and maid, F Young, A B Heyland, Mrs E F Galbraith, Father Fay, Miss Broob, T Hofmeister, F B Williams, F C Bunker, J T Hagden, H B Carter, F F Siebert, J J Shellcross, J Holland, S Perry Mills, H B Hodgins and wife, Miss Hodgins, Miss M Hodgins, A Rogers, W J Macauley, Geo Clark.

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